

THE AULDRIDGES

William Auldrige married Mary Cochran who was a daughter of Thomas Cochran, a native of the north of Ireland. Her mother was named Mackemie, from Augusta County. The Cochrans lived at the Fred Ruckman place, near Mill Point.

William Auldrige was a native of England. His widowed mother, Elizabeth, brought him to America prior to the year 1800. He was probably ten or twelve years old. He grew up on the John son Place, Jerico Road, near Marlinton.

William and Mary Cochran Auldrige went to housekeeping at Bridger Notch, near where the Bridgers Brothers, John and James were bushwhacked by the Indians, 1784. Dr. Sandy Auldrige, a great grandson of Pioneer William Auldrige owned the homestead for years, it is now owned by . The Auldriges had six sons. One of these sons was Samuel. He married Miriam Barlow, daughter of John and Martha Waddell Barlow. Their son was William, who married Effie Pennell. Their daughter, Mrs. Mary Auldrige Harper, who was married to Harry Harper

Mrs. Mary Auldrige Harper related the following story about the Auldrige family to Mr. Cal Price who published it in the Pocahontas Times, Sept. 3, 1953:

Mrs. Harper said she did not remember ever hearing the maiden name of Elizabeth, mother of William Auldrige. She did recall stories about her. She said Elizabeth died in her home on Jerico Farm in the year 1874, aged 114 years. Mrs. Harper said she had been told that she was a lady of slight build; small hands; "fingers like birds' feet."

The tradition is that the name in England was Aldrich. Before her marriage to a commoner, Elizabeth was a lady in waiting on Queen Charlotte, at the court of George III, King of England. Mrs. Harper supposed that this would imply she was a high born lady.

A visitor on occasions to Queen Charlotte was Catherine II, Empress of Russia. On one of these visits the lady in waiting received the salesman with an engagement to show the Empress ware of a maker of fine pottery. The young tradesman showing the ware to the royal customer was named Aldrich. At a guess, his name might have been William. When Elizabeth and William saw each other, it was love at first sight.

And what a tempest it all did raise. Mrs. Harper said, "We of this generation remember how a king of England got himself dethroned for hooking up with a commoner. A century

and a half ago, the divine rights of kings and courtiers was not the silly pretense and sham George Washington and Company, Unlimited showed it to be.

Anyway, William and Elizabeth were married. Elizabeth ~~w~~ was dropped from the queen's list of ladies in waiting. She was disowned by her family. They seemed to feel their name was dishonored when she would marry her true love.

Auldrige was fired off the job. In the course of a few years, marked by unemployment, privation and discouragement, the husband sickened and died. He left a young widow and their son, William.

Mrs. Auldrige made strong resolve that her son should grow up in the free land of America, where men are on equal footing before the Lord and before the law.

But, the passage money for the six weeks' of sea voyage was something she didn't have. However, there was the indentured servant statute. Under it, the ship master took a paper, setting out the amount of the passage money and providing for sale of the services of the signor at public auction; the bid for the shorest period of servitude to be accepted.

John Johnson was a Revolutionary soldier. As a boy, he was at Braddock's Defeat, 1756. An item he brought back was an adz. This owned by a great-great-grandson, Ed C. Moore, and is now owned by --

John Johnson owned a plantation, Jericho, of 1500 acres, on Jerico Road. (His will was signed in April, 1825 and probated, March Court, 1826.

John Johnson's wife died in the late 1790's. He needed a governess with an education for a house full of children. Such a treasure was to be found occasionally at the auctions of indentured servants in Richmond. So, John Johnson took a string of young horses, packed with products of plantation and country side, and hied away on the 200 mile journey to Richmond, on a trading trip. At the auction of indentured servants he bid in the widow Auldrige and her son, William. He brought her and the boy back to Jericho Farms, later he married her.

Mrs. Johnson lived to see two of her husband's grandsons elected to the United States Senate - Senator Ewing, of Ohio, and Senator Farnsworth of West Virginia. Both were born on Jericho Farms.

It could well be added here that a Stevenson married into this Ewing family connection. So, in their line, we have had an Adlai Ewing Stevenson as Vice President of the United

CAPT. A. M. EDGAR

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It is said in God's Word of the righteous that "thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of grain cometh in its season." In this there is of course the idea of ripeness, or fitness, and of home-bringing. How appropriate is this thought today when we gather about all that remains of the earthly tabernacle of this father, husband and friend. The years have been rounded out to him and the ripening being completed, it is most fitting that he should be taken into the garner of God. God thus comes in his infinite wisdom and takes his servant as the husbandman comes at harvest time, takes the sheaf and places it in the storehouse. We are not here, then, today to stand aghast at the strangeness of God's providence but to pay tribute to the richness of his mercy in filling up the measure of the days of our friend. All the processes of growth and maturity are complete and God blesses him by taking him into the heavenly garner as a ripened sheaf. It seems to me that the sentiment which the poet Tennyson expressed with reference to his own death is the appropriate one on an occasion like this:

"Sunset and evening bell,
And after that the dark,
And may there be no moanings of
farewell
When I embark;
For though from out our bourne of
time and space
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar."

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and stock raiser. To this union were born five children, all surviving—Mrs. F. R. Hill, of Marlinton; Mrs. H. W. McNeel, of Academy; A. P. Edgar, Esq., of Marlinton; and Mr. George and Miss Rachel Edgar, at home.

Capt. Edgar's dominant traits were his meekness of spirit and his unshaken faith in his fellowman. He was modest to a fault and his own natural modesty was nurtured by the habit he had of always exalting others above himself. I never knew him to speak even critically of any one. Whatever faults he may have seen in his fellowman were always cast into the background of shade as the sunlight of his praise fell upon their virtues. Peace he loved and peace he would live at almost any cost. After knowing him, it always impressed me that his nature was in strange contrast to the popular notion of the ideal soldier. That so quiet, modest, peace-loving a man should have won the record for bravery and daring that remains to his credit as a soldier upsets many of our favorite ideas, but yet it is in keeping with the true psychology of bravery. Not the blustering braggart but the quiet, sturdy, faithful soul makes the bravest and most dependable soldier. These traits were the secret of his long and honorable service as a soldier as they were the key-note of his after life.

I need not speak of his life as a neighbor, friend, and citizen. It is so well known that nothing I could say would add anything to the sum of it. Since his illness and the inevitable issue of it became known there has been heard only universal regret that such a man would soon be taken from among us. He had been in declining health for a long time and bravely, even hopefully fought

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During his long illness I visited him frequently and never saw anyone more appreciative of, or more grateful for spiritual help and counsel. He was outspoken in his declaration of faith in his Redeemer. He was too well grounded in the principles of our religion to doubt the Savior's mercy or capacity to save all who put their trust in him and he knew that he trusted Him, yet it was hard for him to overcome his natural modesty and reserve and declare his absolute assurance of salvation. But we know that God does not make our assurance of salvation the test of our acceptance with Him. So far as human frailty is able to judge the evidences of his faith was unmistakable. We therefore sorrow not today as those who have no hope. His pastor will miss the presence that when he was well was scarcely ever absent from church. The family will miss the quiet unassuming spirit that guided them so long with his quiet counsel. The community will miss one who was always ready and willing to lend a helping hand to all in need. Many hearts will go out in sympathy for those most deeply concerned in his death.

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Rev Howard Underwood has been up the river holding a protracted meeting. He reports several confessions.

In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Edgar of the County of Greenbrier & State of Virginia, being weak in Body but of sound and perfect mind, do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner following Viz.

First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Ann Edgar, the amount for which my negro girl Amy may be sold by my Executors as hereinafter directed also one horse & two cows such as she may choose from among my Stock also all my household & kitchen furniture except such as may be hereinafter otherwise disposed of also One Hundred dollars in Cash to be paid my Executors to her & her heirs forever, also to her during her natural life the one third of the plantation whereon I now reside.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Nancy the amount for which my negro girl Lucy may be sold by my Executors as hereinafter directed, also a bureau, a looking glass & dressing table at this time called in her name in the family--also a good feather bed & furniture also one Horse worth ninety dollars, or in lieu of him a Two year old Horse Colt whichever she may choose--- also three cows, also Eight Hundred Dollars to be paid by my Executors hereinafter named.

Thirdly To my Grand Daughter Ann Eliza Walkup I give and bequeath the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars to be by my Executors kept at interest and applied from time to time to her education & support until she shall choose a Guardian, intermarry or arrive at 21 years of age. But if Samuel Walkup of Rockbridge County

In ye. Name of God Amen ye. Ninth Day of October in ye. year of our Lord 1765 I
George Egar of Bedford County being very sick & Weak in Body but of Perfect mind &
Memory, Thanks be given unto God, therefore Calling unto Mind ye. Mortality of my
Body & Knowing Yt. it is Appointed for all men once to Dye do make & Ordian this my
Last Will & Testament yt. is to Say Princypally, & first of all I give & Recommend
my Soul unto the Hands of God that gave it & for my Body I Recommend it to the Earth
to be Buried in a Christian Like & Desent Manner at the Descesion of my Exrs.
Nothing Doubting but at the General Resurection I shal Receive the same again by the
Mighty power of God, & as Touching Such Worldly astate Wherewith it hath pleased God
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Known by the name of White face. Item I Leave to my Daughter Agness Egar Alicous McDavid
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Mary and my son Thomas Egar the Remaining part of my Movebles Estate to be Equally
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not amount above Ten pounds to Each of them and if the same Should Amount to more the
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Rates, Signed Sealed, Published pronounced and Declaired by the Said, as his Last will
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(who I do hereby request to do so) will qualify as the Guardian of the said Ann Eliza then and in that case I desire that my Executors immediately pay the same over to him to be held by him for the purpose aforesaid. The ballance of said Twelve Hundred Dollars which may be unexpended on the said Ann Eliza's inter marriage or arrival at the age of 21 years shall be paid over to her to remain hers and her heirs forever. But in case the said Ann Eliza should die before her intermarriage or arrival at 21 years of age without leaving lawful issue of her body then and in that event I give and bequeath the ballance that may remain unexpended at the time of her death to all my children to be equally divided between them.

Fourthly I give and bequeath to my son Thomas the amount for which my Negro Man Bob & my negro Girl Matilda may be sold by my Executors as hereinafter directed.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my son Archer the amount for which my two negro Boys Boneparte & Adison may be sold by my Executors as hereinafter directed also a Good feather bed & furniture.

Sixthly, My Negro man Ceasor having been a very useful servant to me and very Pleasant & obedient to my Family--I do hereby direct that at the expiration of four years from the time of my death that he be emancipated & freed. The four years for which he is to serve he shall be hired out by my Executors & the hires paid to my wife & my son Archer.

Seventhly all the residue of my estate both real and personal after the payment of all my debts, funeral expenses & the aforesaid legacies, I give and bequeath to my two sons Thomas and Archer, to be divided between them in such a manner that Archer shall receive Seventeen Hundred dollars & more in value than Thomas.

Eightly I do hereby authorize and direct my Executors to make sale of all my slaves (except Ceasor) and that they pay the amounts thereof to the person to whom devised.

My three daughters, Elizabeth, Letitia and Sally, having already received from me that portion of my estate which I designed them I hope they will be satisfied with what I have done for them heretofore and that they will consider that I could not in Justice to my other children do more for them.

And lastly--I do hereby constitute and appoint my soninlaw James Withrow and my two sons Thomas and Archer Executors of this my Last will and testament hereby revoking all other or former Wills or Testaments by me heretofore made.

In Witness whereof I have hereto set my Hand & affixed my seal this 2nd day of July in the year 1822.

Thos. Edgar

(SEAL)

Signed sealed and delivered
as the Last Will & Testament of the above
named Thomas Edgar by him in our presence

Maria Moore

John A. North

John McElheney

Greenbrier County Court

July Term 1822

This instrument of writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Thomas Edgar, decd. was presented in Court & proved by the oaths of John A. North & John McElheney two of the subscribing witnesses thereto to have been duly Executed and acknowledged by the said Thomas Edgar, decd. as and for his Last Will and Testament which is ordered to be recorded--And thereupon Thomas Edgar &

Archer Edgar, two of the Executors therein named appeared in Court together with ~~Y~~ James Withrow the other Executor therein named who refusing to take upon himself the Execution of said will the said Thomas Edgar & Archer Edgar took the oath prescribed by law and entered into bond with James Withrow and William Morrow their securities in the penalty of Eight Thousand Dollars conditioned as the law direct. Therefore probate and letters Testamentary is granted to the said Thomas Edgar and Archer Edgar as the acting Executors of the said Last will & testament of Thomas Edgar Decd. in due form of Law.

Teste: Lewis Stuart C.G.C.

WEST VIRGINIA, Greenbrier County, S.S.:

I, Paul C. Hogsett, Clerk of the County Court in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the will of Thomas Edgar, deceased, as is found of record in my said Office in Will Book 1, page 525.

Given under my hand this the 17th day of August, 1937.

Paul C. Hogsett
Clerk, Greenbrier County Court

In ye. Name of God Amen ye. Ninth Day of October in ye. year of our Lord 1765 I George Egar of Bedford County being very sick & Weak in Body but of Perfect mind & Memory, Thanks be given unto God, therefore Calling unto Mind ye. Mortality of my Body & Knowing Yt. it is Appointed for all men once to Dye do make & Ordian this my Last Will & Testament yt. is to Say Princypally, & first of all I give & Recommend my Soul unto the Hands of God that gave it & for my Body I Recommend it to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian Like & Desent Manner at the Desoresion of my Exrs. Nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shal Receive the same again by the Mighty power of God, & as Touching Such Worldly astate Wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me in this Life I give & Devise & Dispose of the Same in ye. Following Manner and form, Item I give and Bequeth unto Elizabeth my Dearely Beloved Wife Sufficant Maintainance Dureing her Natural Life time of the plantation whereon I now Live together with a Childs part in my movable Estate as also one Gray Mare Known by the name of Boney. Item I Leave to my Sone John Egar five Shillings Starling. Itam I Leave to my Daughter Jenet Egar one Mare known by the name of fanix and one Cow Known by the name of White face. Item I Leave to my Daughter Agness Egar Alious McDavid five Shilling Starling Itam I give to my Son James Egar one White Horse Known by the Name of Ranter as also my plantation whereon I now Live to be Equally Divided Between the said James Egar and my Son George Egar. Itam I Leave & Bequath to my Daughter Mary and my son Thomas Egar the Remaining part of my Movebles Estate to be Equally Divided beween them After my Just Debts and Funerall Charges provided the same shall not amount above Ten pounds to Each of them and if the same Should Amount to more the over plush is to be paid to my Son George Egar by my Son James Egar Whome I Likewise Constitute make and Ordain my only & Sole Executor of this my Last

will & Testament the same Legiticy's are to be paid by my Executor in Horses & Cattle at a Reasonable Rates, Signed Sealed, Published pronounced and Declaired by the Said, as his Last will and Testament in presents of us the Subscribers Viz:

William Rutherford John
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George ^{his} Eger (LS)
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At a Court held for Bedford County October 22d, 1765.

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John Beard's Will

John Beard's Will - Dated May 11, 1808 - (Will Bk #1 - P 239 - Greenbrier Co (W.) Va - Lewisburg -

In the name of God Amen - I John Beard being sick in body but of Sound mind & memory, etc. My last will & testament in the following manner:

First I commit my soul to God, my Saviour & Redeemer - My body to be buried at the discretion of my executors here in after named -

My temporal estate with all my lawful debts to be first discharged -

The legacies left to my daughters, Agnes Sabina & Betsy by their Aunt Elizabeth be also discharged.

Item to my beloved wife Janett my negro man Jingo, two working horses, two cows, to be at her disposal during her widowhood - the third of our plantation we now live on - the wagons & farming tools for her use on the farm -

Item - I bequeath to my son Wm Ryneck the plantation we now live on .

Item - I bequeath to my daughter Jane, Sabina, Mary & Betsy to each \$100.00 worth of property (in Greenbrier Co., W. Va. near Ryneck's Valley)

Item - I bequeath to my son Josiah when he comes of age "The Locust Plantation" & the mills thereon (This is 7 miles south of Hillsboro, W. Va. in Pocahontas Co., W. Va.)

Item - I bequeath the rents from Locust plantation & Mills till Josiah comes of age the moneys arising from the sale of the place on Dry Creek also my part of the Knob place to be equally divided among my daughters.

I also hereby constitute & appoint Samuel Beard & Thomas Beard Jr., Thomas Beard Sr. my brother executors of this my last will & testament.

Seal. John Beard
Signed, sealed & delivered by John Beard as his last will & testament in presence of

Robert Stevens, David Parks, Adam Stumbaugh

In the name of God, Amen, I, Michael Harness of the south branch manor in the County of Hampshire, State of V; being of good health at present & considering the uncertainty of human life & and that it is necessary for all persons while they have happiness to enjoy their senses & memory perfect, to settle and dispose their affairs in such manner & may prevent lawsuits after their death amongst friend & relatives. I therefor to prevent the same as much as possible in my own family, do dispose my estate in manner following viz: -

Item - I recommend my body after my death to earth from whence it came to be buried in a decent manner & my soul unto my Heavenly father and it is my desire that all my funeral expenses and other lawful debts to be paid as soon as convenient as can be done after my demise

Item - I join & devise unto my beloved wife Elizabeth one third part of my plantation _____? & tenements or yards and all belonging to it, during her life as also two slaves, one negro man, named Mamuel, and one wench named Rachel, to labor for her during her life, and if said wench should bare any children, the half to be my wife's own for her & her heirs forever and after her demise the above named Manuel & Rachel and their increase as above, to be returned to my sone, Jacob Harness, to be his own & heirs forever, and I give to my beloved wife one third of all my other effects & moveables & also one third in moneys left by me to be her own forever -

Item - I give & devise to my youngest son, Jacob Harness, my plantation, dwelling house, barns, orchard and all _____ of husbandry and all household furniture (my wife's part excepted) the living stock & also all my slaves except one Peter, in short he is to have everything left by me on the plantation & this is for the good cause & reason, that I have furnished & supplied my eldest sons with lands & other necessities before in forever times, all to be his without molestation forever -

Item - I give & bequeath to my son John Harness one equal part of the moneys left by me for him & his heirs forever & no more -

Item - I give & bequeath to my son George Harness one equal part in moneys left by me for him & his heirs forever & no more -

Charleston, W. Va.
April 12, 1937.

Mr. Burr H. Simpson
State Road Commissioner
State House
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Mr. Simpson:

Relative to the conversation you and I had Friday, April 9, concerning naming the overhead bridge at Ronceverte the "Thomas A. Edgar Bridge," I am giving below the chief known facts of the life of this pioneer. This data is largely verified by records of the county court of Greenbrier and titles at the Richmond Land Office. A few items were secured from such works as Dunmore's War by Thwaites and Kellogg and The Annals of Southwest Virginia by Summers. A small portion is family tradition, which in this particular case I consider reliable.

That Thomas A. Edgar was the first settler on the site of present Ronceverte has never to my knowledge been denied. The river bottom land there was granted to him by the state of Virginia and was in possession of the family until this century, at which time it was necessary to clear the title through the Land Office records at Richmond.

The first permanent settlement in Greenbrier County was made in 1769, and Edgar must have settled there within the next two or three years since he went from there to the Battle of Point Pleasant which was fought October 10, 1774. What is now Greenbrier County was then included in Botetourt, and on this occasion he was a private in Capt. John Lewis' company of volunteers from Botetourt County. The rest of this company all seem to have been already settled in present Greenbrier and Monroe. He is listed in The Annals of Southwest Virginia as a Revolutionary soldier and is listed by Reddy as having also rendered "non-military" service.

Thomas A. Edgar and his son Archer built and operated the first mill, which was also the first industry, on the Greenbrier River. According to family tradition the first mill was burned by Indians and a new one built for which the mill-stones were imported from France. This was often done at that time. The place became known as Edgar's Mill and is often mentioned by that name in the county court records. There was only a small settlement there until the coming of the lumber business in 1872 and not until then did the town grow up which was named Ronceverte.

Edgar was rather prominent in county politics. He was first county surveyor, 1780-1784. In 1788, he was made "under" sheriff and the next year his name appears as one of the justices composing the county court. He was a fairly active member of the court until his resignation, which was probably shortly before the end of the 18th century. For many years he was a trustee of the town of Lewisburg and he served the county in various other minor capacities.

The date of his birth was about 1750, but of his birth-place I am uncertain. He died at the age of 72 and is buried at the Old Stone Church cemetery at Lewisburg. His wife was Anne Matthews, the daughter of Archer and Letitia (McClanahan) Matthews. Two of his grandsons played prominent parts in the War Between The States. One was Maj. George Edgar, commander of the "Edgar Battalion," and the other was Capt. Alfred Malory Edgar, an officer in the "Stonewall" Brigade. Many of his descendants are now in West Virginia, some of them prominent.

The above, I believe, about covers the facts of his life, as I know them. I discussed this matter briefly with Mr. Roy Bird Cook Saturday. As you probably know he generally heartily approves such projects as this. The only precedent for this sort of action that he could think of was perhaps the Patrick Street Bridge here in Charleston.

We feel sure that you will agree with us that this pioneer settler deserves the honor, that you can do him by giving his name to the fine new bridge on the site of his home and farm. I have made clear to everyone concerned your reasonable attitude in regard to public expense in this matter and I can assure you that the expenditure of any of the state's funds will not be requested. If it is desired at some future time to hold some kind of a ceremony and fasten a small plaque to the bridge at private expense, that permission can be secured.

Personally appreciate very much your kindness and I assure you that the people of Ronceverte and Thomas A. Edgar's descendants everywhere will be deeply grateful for your action.

Very truly yours,

Isaac McNeel

#7 Fairfax Hall, Maple Terrace
Charleston, W. Va.

Charleston, W. Va.
April 13, 1937.

Mr. Burr H. Simpson
State Road Commissioner
State House
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Mr. Simpson:

Since writing the enclosed letter, giving the main facts of Thomas Edgar's life, I have talked to Judge George W. McClintic, who is also an Edgar descendant.

Judge McClintic is of the opinion, and I agree with him, that action on your part should be delayed until it can be arranged for the city council at Ronceverte to make some kind of a resolution or motion showing that they approve and will cooperate. Both of us at this time are rather in the dark as to the reaction of the officials and prominent people of that section to this move.

A short delay will also give those interested time to perfect plans regarding a dedicatory ceremony and a plaque or tablet to be placed on the bridge. I am, however, sending you my letter of April 12 so that you can have at hand the information it contains.

Very truly yours,

Isaac McNeel

Encl. letter

J. E. BUCKLEY
ATTORNEY AT LAW
MARLINTON, W. VA.

8/3/1937

Dear Ike: I got your letter and appreciate your efforts very much however you needn't go to so much trouble as it is not so important. Mr. Price says that he expects it was the pension lists of Revolutionary soldiers that Andy was looking and I am of the same opinion since I think about it. They were not listed by companies but alphabetically and after each name was the county of his residence and the organization in which he served. In the same list Joshua Buckley the pioneer was listed as a resident of Augusta County but his company was from Fredrick or Culpepper county and McNeill was listed as a resident of Hardy county and his service with George Roger Clark. Mr. Ewing for whom I am trying to get this record has the service record of John McNeel at Hillsboro and Jacob ~~XXXXX~~ Ireson McNeill with Stuart and Arbuckle at Point Pleasant from pension lists at Washington so if the pension lists of the Revolution was not what we were looking I don't what it could have been.

Sincerely,

J E Buckley

Elizabeth Edgar m. 1840 Harry Winters McKeel
b. 1810

Alfred Mabey Edgar m.
b. 1857 d. 1813

Lydia McKeel
b. 1849 d. 1919

Grace McKeel
b. 1800 d. 1917

Marian Harvey Beard
b. 1837 d. 1912

Archibald Edgar m.
1799-1863

Nancy Pearis
1810-40

Thomas Edgar
b. 1750 d. 1822

James Matthews
b. 1750 d. 1822

John Matthews
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In ye. Name of God Amen ye. Ninth Day of October in ye. year of
our Lord 1765 I George Egar of Bedford County being very sick & Weak
in Body but of Perfect mind & Memory, Thanks be given unto God, there-
fore Calling unto Mind ye. Mortality of my Body & Knowing Yt. it is
Appointed for all men once to Dye do make & Ordian this my Last Will
& Testament yt. is to Say Princypally, & first of all I give & Recommend
my Soul unto the Hands of God that gave it & for my Body I Recommend
it to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian Like & Desent Manner at
the Descresion of my Exrs. Nothing Doubting but at the General
Resurrection I shal Receive the same again by the Mighty power of God,
& as Touthching Such Worldly astate Wherewith it hath pleased God to
Bless me in this Life I give & Devise & Dispose of the Same in ye.
Following Manner and form, Item I give and Bequeth unto Elizabeth my
Dearely Beloved Wife Sufficant Maintainance Dureing her Natural Life
time of the plantation whereon I now Live together with a Childs part
in my movable Estate as also one Gray Mare Known by the name of Boney.
Item I Leave to my Sone John Egar five Shillings Starling. Itam I
Leave to my Daughter Jenet Egar one Mare known by the name of fanix
and one Cow Known by the name of White face. Item I Leave to my
Daughter Agness Egar Allious McDavid five Shilling Starling Itam I give
to my Son James Egar one White Horse Known by the Name of Ranter as
also my plantation whereon I now Live to be Equally Divided Between the
said James Egar and my Son George Egar. Itam I Leave & Bequath to my
Daughter Mary and my son Thomas Egar the Remaining part of my Movebles
Estate to be Equally Divided beween them After my Just Debts and Funerall
Charges provided the same shall not amount above Ten pounds to Each of
them and if the same Should Amount to more the over plush is to be
paid to my Son George Egar by my Son James Egar Whome I Likewise
Constitute make and Ordain my only & Sole Executor of this my Last

Rushville, Ill., June 9th, 1864

My dear Alfred

Your letter to your Cousin Marion came duly to hand by last mail, and we were all very glad to hear of and from you, notwithstanding we regret your present unfortunate position, and hope it may be made as comfortable to you as circumstances will permit as we doubt not it will be. We send you by express to-morrow morning addressed as you direct a small box containing a few Articles of Clothing which we trust may be Acceptable and useful to Wit, one Coat, 2 pairs of Pants 2 shirts 2 pairs of drawers two pairs of Socks and two or three collars and some other Articles. We hope they will reach you in season. We would be very glad on account our high regard for your Parents as well as for yourself render you any assistance we could to make your present Condition as comfortable as possible that we could do consistent with our obligation to the Government and the regulations that surround you. We will be glad to hear from you on receipt of the box and if there are any articles that you specially need do not fail to let us know. Would a small amount of money be useful and would it be admissable

Our oldest Son is a Lieut. in Co. I, 119th Regiment of Ill. Vol. (Edwin M. Anderson). We have just heard that he was wounded in a battle on the Red River about 16 miles from its mouth (the wound was slight). Your letter gave us the first intimation that we had near and dear friends on both sides of the bloody contest and it may be that the Soldier of to-day may be the Prisoner of to-morrow.

Hoping that this war may be brought to a speedy close and that friends may be again united all enmities reconciled. All the family desire to be affectionately remembered to You. We were very sorry to hear of the death of your dear Father. Your letter was the first

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1931

For President
OWEN D. YOUNG
of New York

The Beard relationship of Pocahontas as county all descend from Thomas Beard one of the members of the Rev. John Craig's congregation of Augusta county, Virginia. Rev. Craig was pastor of old Stone Meeting House. Back in that colonial time when the pioneers were so busy making history they had no time to record it. These old records were carefully taken down made readable by Chalkley. They are the official, accepted references of the D. A. R.

Thomas Beard left a quaint old will giving his several children certain house hold furniture, etc: and his wife Jean is remembered substantially, there in. But to go back to an earlier day in the 1740 ties and 50ties In Rockbridge county there is a record that Thomas Beard administered Alexander Smiley's estate in 1749. We do not know whether he was a relative or just a trusted friend. There is another record though that to me indicates who Jean Beard was: On August 15, 1753, we find Thomas Beard administrator of another estate. This time it is James McNutt and in this document it says James McNutt paid for land bought by Thomas Beard's wife. He paid quit rents for Thomas Beard ten years in advance in 1744.

He had paid David Hays debts before his marriage.

He paid Robert Alexander's tuition for schooling James Jr. and Robert McNutt one year. In advance 1748.

He paid James Dobbin's same for Alexander McNutt 1748.

In Price's History Cousin William knew there were some daughters, and he says: "They went to Kentucky." A good many of this relationship did go to Tennessee and Kentucky. But at least two of these daughters of Thomas Beard remained in Rockbridge and I think four, viz: Esther who married Robert Alexander in Pennsylvania. Martha who married Robert Ramsey. Mary who married Dunlap. Jane or Jean who married George Weir.

Esther and her husband, Robert Alexander lived at Beverly Manor, Augusta county Virginia. Robert Alexander was a graduate of the University of Dublin and Edinburgh. He was born at 'Manor Cunningham' Londonderry, Ireland in 1719, a direct descendant of Robert Bruce through nineteen generations. He came to Virginia in 1736, and married Esther Beard about 1739. They had eleven well known children.

Robert Alexander was made vestry man in 1749. This office constituted all local authority in the early colonies. It was considered a place of honor.

While coming to America a great storm arose at sea and he was obliged to throw his library overboard. This necessitated some shift to replace the classics. It is said he wrote many of these out in long hand from memory

and taught from these until he could obtain others. He started a private school of higher education at what is now Lexington, Va., in 1749. It was afterwards called Liberty Hall and is now Washington and Lee University.

Robert Alexander was compelled to resign from the Vestry on March 17, 1760. He says "I have been unable to go abroad for some time on account of a lingering illness." Sampson Mathews was elected in his stead but he was made vice vestryman. Sampson Archer and John Mathews were the church wardens.

Robert Alexander and his wife Esther Beard had eleven children. William was the oldest. He testified at a court on June 13, 1806, that he was then 65 years old. He died in 1829 in Virginia. Nothing more known.

Robert Jr. first clerk of Campbell county, Virginia, which office was held by him, his son and grandson for almost 100 years. The office was in his house "Rock Castle." He married Nancy Anne daughter of Captain William Austin and left many distinguished descendants both in Virginia and other states.

Archibald was a physician in New Castle, Del, he married Mary. I saw a write up only recently in "Who is Who" in America. Rear Admiral Eustace B. Rogers of the U. S. Navy was the subject of this sketch. He traced his ancestry through Dr. Archibald Alexander to Robert and Esther Beard Alexander. Thomas Beard Alexander moved to Galen county, Ohio, married and reared six children. Nothing further known.

Peter Alexander moved to Woodford county, Kentucky. He was living in 1822. He married and left a number of eminent descendants in that State some of whom were noted Divines. One Peter Alex Macfinny Steele, 1787.

Esther Alexander married Captain William Austin, his second wife, and thus became stepmother to her sister-in-law Nancy Anne Austin, wife of Robert Alexander of Campbell county. Captain Austin held a commission from the British Crown as Captain until the Revolution. He then threw his lot with The American Patriots. They left many prominent descendants.

Sarah Alexander wasn't married until she was over twenty-one. She then married Col. John Wilson of Bath County, April 5, 1786. Her brother Peter, witnessed the ceremony. "She gave her own consent, being of age."

Eleanor Alexander married Samuel Wilson, June 27, 1790. Hugh Alexander her brother was surety.

Hugh nothing further.

Anne Alexander married Ballars or Ballow, nothing further.

James born 1766, married April 7, 1801, Margaret, daughter of James Lyle and his wife Hannah Alexander a daughter of Captain Archibald Alexander, brother of Robert Sr.

The Stephenson and Bollars of Bath and Highland counties, Va., are

from the daughters of Robert and Esther Beard Alexander's family.

James and Margaret Lyle Alexander are my great grandparents thru their daughter Martha Pauline who married Charles Alexander Dunlap of the Calf Pasture near Deerfield, Va. This old Beard ancestor came down to me through a double line my grand mother Sabina Janett Beard McNeel born Feb 8, 1844 and yet living at Ponca City, Oklahoma. Is a great granddaughter of Thomas and Jean Beard through their son John who married January 16, 1769. Janett, daughter of Peter and Martha Woods Wallace and in turn thru their son, Josiah Beard who lived at Locust Creek on the plantation given him by his father, in his will in 1808 and called it "Locust Plantation". Josiah Beard married Rachel Cameron, daughter of Major William and Nancy (Agnes Dunlap, grandmother Sabina McNeel says, was her real name) Warwick Gatewood widow of William Gatewood and daughter of Captain Jacob Warwick.

Esther Beard Alexander died in 1769. The Rockbridge County History says and Robert Alexander died in 1787.

Jane or Jean Beard, the two first names seem to be used interchangeably—married George Weir and we find him deceased by August 8, 1781, probably he lost his life at Guilford Court House or some other battle of that terrible year of the Revolution. He lived in Rockbridge and it was from that vicinity so many went and did lose their lives.

A son Thomas Weir survived and it seems others though no names are given.

It seems one James Young had bought a piece of land from the Eakins heirs, before one of them was of age. In this suit this heir is trying to recover his rights in this property from George Weir's heirs viz: Jane, the widow and Thomas her son. The Eakins Andrew and James who originally sold the property are dead; George Weir lives on the French Broad in Tenn.

In this suit William Alexander, son of Robert testifies: "I heard my Grandfather Thomas Beard say in 1759," unfortunately Chalkley doesn't tell what it was, William's grandfather said.

In a suit in Dec. 1806, William Beard testifies he had married Mary or Polly Steele, daughter of Samuel Steele. The Steeles were then living in West Tennessee and in Kentucky. I suspect Peter Alexander was a brother-in-law to William Beard—as Peter had married Jenny Steele back in 1787. The Steele family were all in Kentucky and Tennessee. William Beard deposes in a suit in June 1806 that he was 74 or 75 years old.

James Houston was a neighbor of the Weirs as he appears often in legal affairs of theirs and he appears with Cornelius Alexander as guardian for George Weir's orphans vs. James Mitchel executor of Thomas Beard's will in 1769. This suit was brought to determine if Jean Beard Weir and her children had received the legacy

left her by her father Thomas Beard, November 21, 1786. The arbitrators found James Mitchel had not fulfilled his duty in settling the estate and that Mitchel must pay 22 pounds on or before Jean's eldest child came of age.

In Augusta county record one Jean Weir became the wife of Cornelius Alexander on March 17, 1785. What more logical in 1786 for Cornelius to be demanding an accounting of James Mitchel.

Martha Beard, or was it. One reference says it was Elizabeth married James Mitchel before 1769. For Thomas and Martha Mitchel are given a part of Thomas Beard's estate and again he refers to Thomas Mitchel's mother. At the time Thomas Beard died it looks as if his daughter Jean was single. James Mitchel was the administrator of the estate. From this we take it James must have been quite a business man. Men of this type nearly always know how to look out for their own interests. Here is Jean married and a mother, then a widow and her part of the estate still at Mitchel's hands.

In less than a year after this marriage of Jean to Cornelius Alexander, we find him inquiring through the courts about the estate, and a settlement being agreed upon. James Houston was guardian for Jean and her children. Thomas Beard Sr. had a neighbor adjoining him in Rockbridge named John Houston in 1742. Probably the Houstons and Beards were close friends of old times. The Alexander children inter married with the Houstons and Paxtons from which family Sam Houston sprang.

Hugh Beard, son of Thomas married Sarah. He died in 1807 and Sarah died in 1801; their children were: Robert who married and had Nancy and Sally by 1806. Ann. Jane Alexander, Sarah. Sarah married Andrew Kenedy 1797; Esther, who married Mr. Hoffman and Thomas Beard, who was mentioned in his grandfather's will, 1769, married Sarah Jameson in 1785.

In the old deeds we find some of Thomas Beard's neighbors and his holdings in Rockbridge county, Va.

Back in 1750 Samuel Dunlap sold to David Dunlap 170 acres of land for 23 pounds, and to Thomas Beard 398 1-2 for 140 pounds. This was one tract.

In 1753 Thomas Beard is buying land again. This time it is 605 acres 33 p 5s on Moffetts Creek near John Rosemans. In 1860 the same tract is sold by Thomas to William Beard for 100 pounds (Note that 1753 is the year James McNutt died).

William Pollack's farm adjoined Thomas Beard's in 1765 and John Montgomery's and Thomas Hill's cornered with him. We find Thomas Beard present for Pat Hays at a meeting of the vestry. Pat Hays' farm cornered Robert Alexander's. Hays was probably a son of the David Hays mentioned in 1753 in James McNutt's will.

On August 18, 1761, James McClure's will proved two of the witnesses had died, William Beard and William McClure. This must have been a relative of Thomas Beard. This McClure family inter married with the Alexanders. Old Captain Archibald Alexander's second wife was Jane McClure, 1757.

Thomas Beard was exempted tax

levy in 1764. "Very aged".

In the will 1769, Thomas Beard speaks of his daughter, wife of Robert Ramsey as if she had died. One Robert Ramsey was killed by the Shawnees in 1759. His will was probated November 21, 1759, Robert Hall, administrator. Later on there is a note Isabelle Hall, wife of Robert, qualifies as administratrix of her late husband Robert Ramsey. This name Isabella doesn't sound familiar. On May 15, 1769, Thomas Beard's will was probated, a lengthy preamble as was customary then the bequests.

He gave to his beloved wife Jean, all the cleared land where the house stood to the cleared land for turpines, where they last grew.

Then a daughter Fane and a daughter Jane were mentioned.

Again his mind goes back to the faithful old wife he wants her to have his elbow chair and a certain negro boy.

He left cleared land to his son Hugh, and Hugh's son Thomas was left 170 acres lying next to John Montgomery and Thomas Hill. Then he left 10 pounds each to the grandsons named Thomas—Thomas Alexander and Thomas Dunlap. To Robert Ramsey's children, testator's grandchildren, 12 pounds and 12 shillings each. A legacy to son William and to daughter Esther Alexander and Martha Mitchell; frequent provision for such issue in case daughter Jane have no issue.

Executors James Mitchell and Thomas Hill. Witnesses, John, Andrew and James Eakin. Proved October 18, 1769. Executors qualify with William Alexander, William Kenedy and Hugh Beard. The appraisers were John Montgomery, William Moore, Thomas Wilson.

The settlement showed the payment of Wm. Berkley, Jas. Eakin, Wm. Perrins, Thomas Alexander, Thomas Beard, Esther Alexander, Thomas Mitchell and his mother, Thomas Dunlap and his mother, Robert Ramsey's children, Martha Mitchell.

Thomas and Jean Beard deeded to their son "John 183 acres of land on Catheys Creek, some times called Jennings Branch," on May 20, 1765. It cornered with David McNaire. This was delivered to John Beard in January, 1769. I just wonder if May 20, 1765, could have been John Beard's twenty-first birthday, as he didn't accept this gift until his marriage, January 16, 1769.

In 1762-3, John Beard and William McClanahan were partners, making a crop on Locust Creek, "on the Spring Lick or Spring Creek plantation." This might have been in Greenbrier at the old Beard homestead.

The Preston and Virginia Papers, compiled by the University of Wisconsin say that John Beard was a captain under Col. Christian at Point Pleasant. Greenbrier was then embraced in Botetourte County. From the same source, I learn that Samuel Beard furnished beeves for the Cherokee expedition in 1776.

John Beard married Janett Wallace daughter of Peter Wallace, Jr., and Martha Woods Wallace. She was neice of the distinguished statesman James Woods of Virginia. In hunting out the Wallace kin, I came on the name of George Seldon Wallace as author of "Peter Wallace's Genealogy." I coveted the book, if it was about my own family, but the catalog did not say what place these Wallaces were from. By a strange coincidence, I came upon the name of the author in The Times as a friend of that friendly, beloved man, Andrew Price. I wrote Major Wallace at Huntington and asked him if he had written this book, and if he had, did he know that Andrew Price was a descendant of one Jan Wallace? He wrote, thanking me for the information. He sent a box to Cousin Andrew. Shortly afterwards those fine articles on the Wallace kith and kin appeared in the Times. And then only a few short months and our beloved cousin was with us no more. He has left something of himself in those printed pages and in memory we treasure.

The will book of Rockbridge County record something of these old Wallaces. Andrew Wallace's will was filed July 3, 1781; he was the ancestor of General Lew Wallace. He bequeaths to his sisters Janett and Savannah; his grandson Andrew; mother, Martha; brother Adam and brother-in-law, John Gilmer.

Dr. Archibald Alexander, President of Princeton Theological Seminary, recounts in a diary he kept in early life some interesting happenings of his childhood. He was born on the South Branch in Rockbridge in 1772. His father was William Alexander, eldest son of Captain Archibald Alexander, brother of Robert, of Timber Ridge. He tells of the school room of Revolutionary days. He says his father had erected a cabin down near the creek about a half mile from the house, and the sound of the students studying out loud could be easily heard to the house. This was the custom of that day. If a student was caught in silence he was thrashed with a hickory switch well laid on. This method encouraged each student to shout his lesson out loud while studying so that the teacher could see his diligence.

When Dr Alexander was three, hi

father went to Baltimore and bought the time of three indentured servants. One of these was an educated Irishman named Reardon, whom the Alexanders trusted and liked. He carried little Archibald, aged three, on his back to the school. The boy wore his hair in a queue down his back. As his hair was extremely fine and thin, the other children teased him. For this Reardon used his whip vigorously, but he never touched little Archibald.

"Most of the English servants who had or had not served their time were released to fight in the Revolutionary war. My father's servants, James Malone, an Irish papist, Joe Lyon, a thievish Jew, and John Reardon, born in Ireland, and brought up and educated in London. Malone and the Jew went first. Malone was killed in battle in Carolina. Lyon, a very bad man, deserted to the British. Soon after Captain Adam Wallace's company reached the scene of warfare Col. Beaufort was attacked by Tarleton's corps. The Colonel, seeing his men in confusion, fled at the beginning of the battle, and almost the whole of his command was cut to pieces by the British dragoons.

"The brave Wallace disdained to fly and, being entirely surrounded by the British horse, sold his life dearly, having first killed some three or four men with his spontoon.

"Reardon, our servant, was in Captain Wallace's company, and being a small man, he was soon cut down—severely wounded but still conscious. After the battle he lay helpless and bleeding among the dead. When night came, the moon shone and Reardon saw a man passing near him, like some arch fiend, dispatching with his bayonet all who showed signs of life. Presently the fiend came toward Reardon, raised his musket, pointed the bayonet to kill. Then Reardon

Died at his home in Hillsboro, Pocahontas Co., W. Va., on the 14th day of Feb. 1889, Joseph Beard, in the 79th year of his age. Born in Greenbrier Co., W. Va., on 20th day of September 1810 + removed to Pocahontas in 1857. Married Mattie Jordan, daughter of John Jordan. Three children: one son, John J. Beard, and two daughters, Mrs. Isaac McNeil, and Mrs. Wm L. McNeil, now deceased -

Lieut. John Jordan Beard.

It becomes our mournful duty to record the death of a widely-known and much esteemed citizen, John Jordan Beard, Huntersville, West Virginia. This event occurred rather unexpectedly. Monday, 11 1/2 a. m., April 11th, 1898.

Lieut. Beard was the only son of the late Joseph Beard and Mrs. Mattie Beard, near Hillsboro. He was born in Greenbrier County, April 21st, 1835, and was married to Minerva, daughter of James Edmiston, Esq., September 1866. At the time of his death he was within ten days of being 63 years of age. By this event his attached family is bereaved of a kind, tender husband and a very affectionate and indulgent father. The community at large honors his memory as that of a good man whose influence has been for intelligence and good morals.

In the war between the States he served in the Bath Squadron, and made a record as a gallant and distinguished soldier. Late in the war he received a frightful wound that came near ending his life at the time. He survived to the surprise of every person familiar with its nature. For more than thirty years this wound has been a great personal affliction, and it is believed hastened the termination of his useful life. He has been a resident of Huntersville about 21 years. During this time he served the county two terms as clerk of both courts.

Early in life he professed piety, and maintained a consistent character as such in the pale of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was loyal and faithful to his community

and greatly attached to her doctrines and usages.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, Harry and Fred Beard.

Being as Lieut. Beard was a person of ardent social and domestic impulses, as a matter of course it was natural for him to think of the sundering of sweet home ties, yet in his sincere way he assured his loved ones that they should not grieve too much about him, for all was and would be well with him.

A month or so since we had a pleasant interchange of views concerning the 23d Psalm. In this Psalm it appears that nothing but the shadow would touch those following the Lord, our Shepherd when it comes to passing through the Valley. Having been a soldier and familiar with scenes in the presence of the my, that at such a time down at a prepared foe one of the last thing battle would be lit

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I also hereby constitute & appoint Samuel Beard & Thomas Beard Jr., Thomas Beard Sr. my brother executors of this my last will & testament.

Sigal. John Beard

Signed, sealed & delivered by John Beard as his last will & Testament in presence of

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John Beard's Will

John Beard's Will - Dated May 11, 1808 - (Will Bk #1 - P 239 - Greenbrier Co (W.) Va - Lewisburg -

In the name of God Amen - I John Beard being sick in body but of Sound mind & memory, etc. My last will & testament in the following manner:

First I commit my soul to God, my Saviour & Redeemer - My body to be buried at the discretion of my executors here in after named -

My temporal estate with all my lawful debts to be first discharged -

The legacies left to my daughters, Agnes Sabina & Betsy by their Aunt Elizabeth be also discharged.

Item to my beloved wife Janett my negro man Jingo, two working horses, two cows, to be at her disposal during her widowhood - the third of our plantation we now live on - the wagons & farming tools for her use on the farm -

Item - I bequeath to my son Wm Ryneck the plantation we now live on .

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Wednesday - April 20,

Dear Betsy & All the Family:

Since I received your nice letter written in March I have been thinking I would get it answered but as you can see - here it is the 20th of April but maybe I can get this in the mail yet before the day is over. I'm like you - I seem to stay busy all the time and find very little time for writing letters. However, I think of all of you often and it is always my intention to get started on a letter but the days get by entirely too fast. Then too - I write so many letters and notes at Christmas that I let down entirely for weeks and months. We enjoyed so much hearing from you and how all of you spent Christmas etc. Am glad you had a lovely time.

We are as usual here at the present time and getting ready for a busy spring and summer. The grass is about ready to be cut in the lawns and when that starts it is a steady job for Bud. We had one of the very unusual winters here. Hardly any snow but we did have several days with cold temperatures. One morning in January it was 17 below and quite a few other mornings we had 10 or 12 below zero. Not having snow on the ground we didn't seem to notice how cold it was. I can't understand it, for all the states around us had deep snow and even the western part of this state but Lincoln and Omaha seemed to be in a dry area all winter long. March was nice and dry all but one day and night. I believe that was about the 17th of March when we had a regular little blizzard. Blew down electric wires and kicked up the "devil" while it lasted. We were fortunate right here where we live but all over the city folks were without heat, especially where they had gas furnaces - no electricity to run them.

I want to thank you for sending me the clippings with your last letter. We both have enjoyed the pictures of you and "Marty" very much and I'm glad to have them. You are getting to be quite an author and in that respect you remind me so much of my sister Lou. She always wanted to write books but never got it accomplished, so maybe you are to fulfill her most cherished desire, WHO KNOWS? You mention in your letter that you are doing some research on the old homes, churches, schools etc. I think that will be wonderful if you can rake up enough information on these older people who were so important in making Pocahontas County what it is today.

You ask me if I might remember something of interest concerning Edwin L. Beard and his family. Well, I'm not too good at remembering a lot of things that I should be able to write you. However, I'm enclosing an old clipping from the Culpeper paper of his death notice and I'm in hopes you might be able to glean a few things from it. Just destroy it when you are through with it. I have another clipping. He was the youngest son of Josiah Beard and was born at Locust Creek, fell heir to the home place after seeing both of his parents through - then he came to Hillsboro and started the mercantile business. I don't know if anyone owned the store before him. All of Josiah Beard's family were grand people. Edwin Beard's brother Charles gave the land for the Cemetery there in Hillsboro. Edwin L. Beard was an elder in the Presbyterian church in Hillsboro while he lived there. He was the same in the Culpeper church too. One little thing that stands out with me and I have always treasured in my heart was - that we never had breakfast without having chapel. He always read a passage of scripture and said a prayer. The breakfast could wait but God's word came first. He thought that was the right way to start the day and I think he was right. I don't know if anyone occupied the house there in Hillsboro where we lived or not before the Beard, but I do know the Beards owned it all along. It was part of Josiah Beard's estate. I think he owned the largest part of Hillsboro at one time. He gave all his sons a big slap of land when they

got married. Now, this is not much important information I'm giving you for your book but maybe I can think of something else as I go along and if I do - you will get it.

Bud is about the same as he has been for a long time. Hard for him to walk and he still shakes from the Parkinson in one arm, but he feels very good in other ways, so we feel very grateful that he is no worse than he is. He goes to his doctors at certain times and he gets a very good report each time. His eyes are doing very good, altho he has to have drops put in them four times a day. His arm (Right one) shakes too much for him to put the drops in, so that job falls to me. I don't mind it tho. Is a small thing to do if it keeps him from going blind, which the doctor says it will.

We are not having very nice weather today. For about four days we have had misty weather, just enough to make it dark and dreary. We need rain. Had a very nice Easter Sunday here. Bud just recently read the little book you sent us, title "I Plucked the Horsefeathers". He said to tell you he thinks it is a wonderful book and very interesting. I read it as soon as it came and I think the same thing. This man writes in such a real natural way one can't help but liking it.

I had a card from Irene while she was in Florida at Easter time. It is nice that they could all get away for this nice little vacation. I have not heard from any of the other relatives since shortly after Christmas. I presume we all write ourselves out during the Christmas holidays and then clam up for awhile. Mildred don't have much time after she gets through with the school work she does and then try to keep house besides. I never hear from Estelle but it is just as well.

We are having some trouble here in Omaha with "home-made bombs" being planted around in Grocery Stores and other places of business. There has been eleven of them up to this time and while no one has been killed - they have caused a lot of damage. It must be "pranksters" doing this but it is a very dangerous thing to do. There is quite a large reward out for them, but even so, they have not been caught. I don't think small kids could make these bombs, so it must be older youngsters or adults. If they keep it up someone is bound to be hurt or killed. I just heard on TV a few minutes ago that the Service Stations had been ordered to keep their "rest rooms" locked for safety. That seems to be one of their favorite places to plant these bombs. Can you imagine anyone having such an evil mind? I hope they are caught very soon and punished.

Well, I believe I have told you all for this time. Not such a good letter but I want you to hear from us. I hope not to be so long in writing next time. Please remember me to your Mother when you see her. I hope she keeps well this summer and enjoys herself like she always does. Love to all the family from us.

Julia Duffy

THE BRUFFEYS

John Bruffey was born in the north of Ireland in 1752. He married Nellie MacDonald, of Scotland, an ancestral kinsman of Ramsey McDonald, prime minister of the British Empire.. John and Nellie MacDonald Bruffey moved to America prior to the Revolution. In this war he served as a soldier under General Anthony Wayne. He was killed in the year of 1807 by being ~~thrown~~ from a horse. The horse scared at a deer at the stone ~~through~~ on the lands of M.J. McNeel. He was buried in the McNeel graveyard. His grave is marked by a stone lettered by his son, John.

To the marriage of John and Nellie MacDonald Bruffey were born three sons, Mark, John and Patrick.

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Bruffey Reunion

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With the arrival of the chairman of the program committee in the afternoon an hour of reminiscence was introduced by Tom Bruffey, in the course of which a brief history of the family in America was given. From this historical account we gathered a few interesting facts and likewise gathered many more from private conversations with some of the Pocahontas visitors.

Miss Maggie Ruckman seems to be the recognized historian of this family. It was revealed that a certain John Bruffey of Scotch-Irish descent came from Ireland prior to the Revolution and settled in the neighborhood of Hillsboro, about fifteen miles from Marlinton on the Greenbrier River. He brought an attractive bride from among the Shamrocks of his native heath when he came to America, whose name was Nellie McDonald, and an ancestral kinsman of Ramsay McDonald, prime minister of the British Empire. The Bruffeys have studiously avoided public statement concerning the relationship with such royal personages, but in West Virginia ^{it is no discredit} to know that Tom Bruffey, who opened this reminiscent hour is a cousin of England's great prime minister.

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Editor's Corner

The Bruffey Family



BORN-POCAHONTASIAN, now living in Virginia, Rae Dowdy has submitted material on Bruffey Family history for your present reading and for the editor's possible gleaning for the encyclopedia. The material comes as clippings from the pen and hand-set type of the late and great Cal Price and time of printing is 1933.

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"OUT OF THE STORM"

The Galford Lumber Co. Documentary Project

"A while back, a good friend heard about a real West Virginia adventure. An odyssey really.

"In 1938, during the Great Depression, a monster hurricane roared up the east coast killing over 600 people and causing untold property damage between New York and Massachusetts. But this wasn't your garden-variety killer hurricane, the sort that just turns off into the North Atlantic after chewing up the shoreline.

"Oh, no! This killer hurricane decided it wanted to see Canada. So it turned left when it got to Boston, instead of right . . . and knocked down over 3 billion board feet of standing timber . . . mostly in Massachusetts, Vermont, and New Hampshire.

"And that's where our story begins . . . because the Federal Government knew it had to salvage that timber . . . no one else was even close to big enough to organize the operation . . . and it commissioned over 200 independent timber companies to come to New England and get the job done. Not all of them succeeded. Some went broke trying to make a profit under the strict federal guidelines.

"But our story is about one of the successes. Our story is about a man named Glen Galford, and the story of the men and women from Pocahontas County, West Virginia, that he led on an eighteen-month odyssey to New England during the last days of the Great American Depression.

"And it's also the story of what they did when they got there, and, more importantly, whom they found when they got there . . . because in that story was a big beautiful picture of who we are in these mountains . . . what we can do and what we can be."

"**Out of the Storm**" is a 56-minute documentary film which tells the story of the Galford Lumber Company, of Green Bank, and its participation in the federal government timber salvage effort following the New England Hurricane of 1938.

Sponsored by the Pocahontas County Historical Society, the film is being produced by B. J. Sharp-Gudmundsson and co-produced by Doug Chadwick, and is in the final stage of editing, which is being done at Red Oaks Productions in Fairlea. Project collaborators are Alan Freeman, assistant writer and producer; Gary Aide, video editor; and Caroline Sharp, research assistant. Contributing scholars include Roy Clarkson, Professor Emeritus at WVU; John Cuthbert, WVU Head of Special Collections; and William McNeel, editor of *The Pocahontas Times*. In addition to public presentations throughout the coming year, future plans include distribution through public television, libraries, video sales, as well as development of a curriculum to be presented to public schools.

Excerpts from "**Out of the Storm**" will be presented at the Hillsboro Heritage Festival on June 23 as part of a program on the importance of collecting oral history. A full-length version of the film will be shown at the McClintic Library in Marlinton at 8 p.m. on Friday night, July 14, during Pioneer Days, and the New England presentation is scheduled for the last weekend in September.

The collaborators on this project express their sincere gratitude to all of those who have supported our endeavor in any way. We hope that you will continue to follow its progress and share in the excitement as more people experience this wonderful story of strength and fortitude. See you at the show!

This project is being sponsored by the Pocahontas County Historical Society with financial assistance from the West Virginia Humanities Council, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For more information, visit us at galfordlumber.com or call 304-64455-4998.

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Cathy Gibson Speller, now of Hilton Head, South Carolina, is a Director and works with The Heritage Library Foundation, Inc., in Hilton Head Island. In the Society's Newsletter of last fall Cathy made a report of her trip to places in Virginia and West Virginia following the history of her family, searching out graves, etc.

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Early Pocahontas County Teachers

George Hannah, of Bradenton, Florida, donated a book to the Historical Society that records the teaching certificates issued to Pocahontas County residents following the Civil War to 1877. Among the county school superintendents during this period was Mr. Hannah's grandfather, Samuel B. Hannah. He was superintendent in 1877 to 1879. At this time the position of county school superintendent was an elected one for a two year term. The people listed in the book as receiving teaching certificates follow, with spellings a guess in some cases:

1866

John E. Adkison, Lindsey H. Sharp, George P. Wanless, Annie E. Loury

1867

Luther R. Blair, Arthela A. Buzard, Susan A. Moore, M. J. Moore, Montgomery G. Mathews, Nora Moore, Miriam Waugh, James Morrison, Maggie Moore, John J. Edmiston, L. D. Humphreys, W. P. Hutchesin, Amanda G. Butcher, George Baxter, C. J. Stulting, Joseph A. Buzzard, Charles B. Conrad, George P. Wanless, Adam Clark, John M. Anderson, Mary E. Buckley, Henrietta Stulting

1868

Mary A. Moore, Sam Buzard, Arthela A. Buzard, L. D. Humphrey, A. G. Butcher, Hannorah Moore, John S. Moore, Daniel Kellison, Moses May, Uriah Bird, Luther Shrader, S. H. Clark, John M. Anderson, F. B. Hackett, James H. Morrison, Charles B. Conrad, Squire L. Brown, Henry F. Grimes

1869

John H. Beverage, Adam Clark, Peter L. Curry, William M. Wanless, Allen Taylor, H. A. J. Francis, W. R. Maupin, Mary Gillilan, Maggie Moore, Maria E. Servis, Samuel Buzard, John W. Taylor, F. M. Meredeth, Hester E. Kee, Anna C. Clark, A. C. Hanford, Amelia E. Warwick, Charles O. Arbogast, M. G. Matthews, K. B. Wooddell, Uriah Bird, James F. Walkup, Daniel Kellison, Effie Lee Pennele, John E. Duffield, James Morrison, Squire L. Brown, John S. Moore, George Baxter

1870

Cora A. Grimes

1871, 1872, 1873

No references for these years

1874

Hanova More, Maggie More, W. R. Maupin, A. Hartman, C. Stulting, Lucy G. Cabell, George Fitzwater, Laura V. Whitmore, Nettie Stulting, Newton S. Duffield, Walter P. Camble, Calvin Stulting, R. C. Shrader, John S. More, W. N. More, George W. Palse, William H. Hull, Brown M. Yeager, Uriah Bird, George Gay, L. Sue Beard, Daniel A. Peck, John G. Flory, Anna C. Clark, Thomas S. Gillispie, Montgomery G. Mathews, Enock H. More, William H. Overholt, Carrie Stulting, Lizzie Vawter, E. G. Alderman, C. O. Huff, G. W. Palser, Horace Lockridge, John W. Warwick, George Baxter, -- Poage, C. R. More, M. A. Dunlap, Hamilton Gay

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| District | 1872 | 1873 | 1874 | 1875 | 1876 | 1877 |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Union, 1, Green Bank | 430 | 347 | 329 | 368 | 395 | 395 |
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Boyhood Story

When big enough to go with Dad ramp digging or ginsenging, we dropped just over the hill less than a quarter mile east of U. S. 219 behind the present residence of Clyde Kershner and wound around the old log train grade with ramps growing below and above the grade. Dad told me that this was his first job working for pay. Mr. Sweetwood had the logging operation in 1910. Dad was born in March 1894. The job was a ten minute walk from his parents' home. He told how the kids working for Sweetwood spent their lunch hour. They pushed the empty log car to the upper end of the track, climbed on and held on as it by gravity flew down around those curves, stopping only when it came to a flat. Then they pushed it back to load logs on. The grade, as I walked it years later, was crooked, steep and dangerous.

I've also heard that trains went up the Jacox side of Droop.

Verner Cutlip also worked with the Sweetwood crew on this timber project.

Cemeteries

There are three cemeteries on top of Droop Mountain. The oldest is, I believe, the Cutlip Graveyard, first known as the Dorsey (Dossy) graveyard. Porter Dorsey (sp.?) owned the land from the Old Mill Road, that went to Locust Creek, on down the mountain, and had a home on the mountain side. When living, the story goes, he was terribly mean to his wife. He died and she said, "I'll bury the old devil up on top of the hill under the maple tree." When she died she was buried there. My great-great-grandfather, Jacob Shue (1781-1857) was buried there under the maple tree, too. Many others have been interred there in years since, especially Cutlips. Moffett Cutlip owned the land fifty years ago, then his son, Remus Cutlip, owned it, his son, Paul Cutlip (1914-1968), and his son, Paul David Cutlip, sold it to some man from Charleston or someplace. Four graves here are fenced, those of John and Mary Pritt and my nephews, Wesley and Warren Shue. The rest needs much work.

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Soon, however, Mr. McClintock got timber off the hillside just east of the brow of Dad's place. With Jesse Scott clearing it for corn and Mr. Hankins share-cropping the adjoining mountainside, the panther quit coming our way, but we heard it scream—like a woman in distress—way around the range toward Bear Town.

Boyhood Story

When big enough to go with Dad ramp digging or ginsenging, we dropped just over the hill less than a quarter mile east of U. S. 219 behind the present residence of Clyde Kershner and wound around the old log train grade with ramps growing below and above the grade. Dad told me that this was his first job working for pay. Mr. Sweetwood had the logging operation in 1910. Dad was born in March 1894. The job was a ten minute walk from his parents' home. He told how the kids working for Sweetwood spent their lunch hour. They pushed the empty log car to the upper end of the track, climbed on and held on as it by gravity flew down around those curves, stopping only when it came to a flat. Then they pushed it back to load logs on. The grade, as I walked it years later, was crooked, steep and dangerous.

I've also heard that trains went up the Jacox side of Droop.

Verner Cutlip also worked with the Sweetwood crew on this timber project.

Cemeteries

There are three cemeteries on top of Droop Mountain. The oldest is, I believe, the Cutlip Graveyard, first known as the Dorsey (Dossy) graveyard. Porter Dorsey (sp.?) owned the land from the Old Mill Road, that went to Locust Creek, on down the mountain, and had a home on the mountain side. When living, the story goes, he was terribly mean to his wife. He died and she said, "I'll bury the old devil up on top of the hill under the maple tree." When she died she was buried there. My great-great-grandfather, Jacob Shue (1781-1857) was buried there under the maple tree, too. Many others have been interred there in years since, especially Cutlips. Moffett Cutlip owned the land fifty years ago, then his son, Remus Cutlip, owned it, his son, Paul Cutlip (1914-1968), and his son, Paul David Cutlip, sold it to some man from Charleston or someplace. Four graves here are fenced, those of John and Mary Pritt and my nephews, Wesley and Warren Shue. The rest needs much work.

The next cemetery on Droop is the George Whiting Graveyard, a little east of the Jacox Road and U. S. 219 junction. Hyman McMillion owns a farm adjoining it. Joe Smith now lives there. My great-grandparents Shue and Scott, my grandparents Shue, aunts Shue, cousins and an uncle and my dad are buried in the Whiting.

The third cemetery on Droop is the McCarty Graveyard. When I was a kid Beccy McCarty was a widow lady and my dad, before he got land cleared to farm where he had bought in dense woods, sharecropped land for widow ladies. If you stand where the lookout tower is now and look northwest, it will be in the direction of the McCarty Graveyard, but you can't see it. When it was all big fields, the tombstones were plain to be seen from the spot where the tower now stands. We used to run down the hill and up the other to the tombstones as a relay game when John Hamrick was teacher at Sunrise School and had a picnic at the park. C.C.C. boys planted the fields in pines, which are forests now. To go to this graveyard now, from the caretaker's house, go toward the tower but turn left at the first road and wind up to it. Woodrow Kershner told my husband that the park had given him this graveyard. Woodrow is a good old boy; ask him about this graveyard; he has lived near it all his life.

Dear Member:

Another year has rolled around and it is time for a report and time to renew your membership in the Pocahontas County Historical Society. Your card is enclosed; please fill in the information slip and return with your dues. Invite a friend or another member of your family to join. Come to the meetings; visit the Museum on your vacation.

Last July the same officers were elected for another year. During the year we have had a picnic at the Gordon Dilley farm, a Christmas Open House at the Museum, a program by Mike Smith, superintendent of Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park, an Easter showing of old timey hats and clothes, and a tour of the Huntersville Jail and the McNeel Mill. The big project was the publication of *Pocahontas Floods through 1985*, edited by Craig Smith with collaboration of the Society. The sales have been good and the costs of the book were soon met. The book contains stories of previous floods and many Historical Society pictures.

The Museum will open Saturday, June 13; hours are 11 to 5 each day except Sunday, when they are 1 to 5. Remember your membership entitles you to free entrance to the Museum any time.

The annual stockholders' meeting will be held on the third Monday in July, July 20, 1987, at 7:30 p. m. Please be present or fill in the proxy blank and mail to above address.

Huntersville Jail

The old Huntersville Jail was built about 1870, replacing the wooden jail established when the County was created in 1821. It has been owned by several different families. The Jail was given to the Historical Society by the Nelson family. This year we plan to have a new roof put on and hopefully put the rail fence up around the grounds.

There was only one man who ever escaped from the Huntersville Jail. His granddaughter came back and told Mrs. Nelson the story. He was in jail for stealing a loaf of bread. He went from Huntersville to Huntington, and from there to Missouri, where he made his home.

He wrote on the jail wall (he never expected to get free): "There's a land of pure delight, Where saints immortal reign, There is a heaven for black and white, But hell is this old jail. June 22, 1894."

—Mary Lou Dilley, President

McNeel Mill at Mill Point

Work is progressing slowly at the McNeel Mill. Roy Bowden is almost through with his work of replacing sills, raising and leveling the floor, etc. The old piers that held the wheel are gone and new piers are being built according to the original blueprint, which Lanty McNeel had in his possession. The metal sheeting and the metal buckets are ready to be put on the wheel once the form is back on the pier. Paul Marshall, an architect who moved the Blakers Mill to Jackson's Mill recently, has been to see the Mill and will soon outline his ideas for future work and development, cost, divide it into phases, etc.

Marlinton Railroad Depot

The Marlinton Railroad Depot is again in the process of being restored—this time from the flood devastation of November 1985. Many people from outside the County and state gave so willingly of their time and efforts in clean-up of this community and area asset.

Through the efforts of the Pocahontas County Historic Landmark Commission and Depot board members a Historic Preservation State Development grant was obtained for flood restoration and completion of the four-room depot building restoration project. This grant funding requires a 25% local funds and in-kind labor and materials.

This property, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is an example of the growing public interest generated by the restoration of properties from an era of past history. In the 1985 season, from June 15th to the November flood, the all-volunteer Chessie Crafts Guild and additional supportive citizens hosted registered visitors from 37 states and 8 foreign countries at its information center, historical railroad memorabilia room, and quality crafts shop. The complimentary remarks of appreciation were astounding.

—Ruth Morgan

The Old Opera House

The Old Opera House in Marlinton is an historic landmark in Pocahontas County. In a well-attended meeting of interested citizens jointly sponsored by the Society and the Pocahontas County Historic Landmark Commission in March, it was determined to seek grant funding (Phase I) for preservation/rehabilitation for adaptive use of this structure which could possibly be the oldest reinforced concrete building in West Virginia. An historic architect had previously inspected the building for the State Department of Culture and History.

First, the fulfilling of tremendous needs of citizens, youth and adult, for an indoor easily accessible facility for cultural and recreational purposes; and, secondly, as an added unique attraction to the county's growing tourist industry could be the two-fold benefits resulting from such an historic preservation project.

The interest shown by letters of support for the grant funding request from various civic organizations and the affirmative reaction by groups and individuals would indicate a strong, vibrant, and cooperative feeling of both young people and adults for the preservation and adaptive use of the Old Opera House.

—Ruth Morgan

Figure 1.

Post Offices in Pocahontas County

| Post Office | Dates of Operation | Mail to | Post Office | Dates of Operation | Mail to |
|---------------|---|----------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Academy | 02/16/1852 - 07/30/1914 | C to Hillsboro | Isabella | 02/21/1852 - 03/29/1852 | |
| Alderny | 04/04/1903 - 10/14/1903 | Marlinton | Jacox | 07/24/1886 - 07/31/1941 | Lobelia |
| Arbovale | 06/20/1899 | | Kennison | 06/16/1919 - 06/15/1922 | Seebert |
| Armentrout | 03/14/1902 - 09/15/1903 | Travellers Repose | Lambert | 04/07/1910 - 05/15/1911 | Durbin |
| Augment | 01/06/1910 - 04/15/1918 | Marlinton | Linwood | 08/11/1894 - 11/30/1934 | Slatyfork |
| Aylmer | 01/26/1887 - 12/31/1889 | Huntersville | Little Level | 09/05/1836 - 03/24/1856 | C to Mount Murphy |
| Bartow | 02/07/1906 | | Lobelia | 07/28/1886 - 04/30/1954 | Hillsboro |
| Beard | 07/13/1901 - 05/25/1973 | Hillsboro | Locust | 09/03/1885 - 03/31/1927 | Beard |
| Beard's ? | 1829? | | Louise | 07/21/1900 - 09/30/1902 | Dunmore |
| Big Springs | 06/19/1849 - 12/11/1851 | | Mace | 01/16/1906 - 02/02/1973 | Mingo |
| | RE: 10/16/1852 - 08/17/1854 | | Madeline | 03/06/1908 - 10/31/1911 | Durbin |
| | RE: 05/21/1857 - 06/22/1866 | | Marlin(s) | | |
| Blue Beard | 07/21/1836 - 09/05/1836 | C to Little Level | Bottom | 06/19/1849 - 02/01/1869 | |
| Boyer | 04/18/1901 - 03/24/1967 | Arbovale | | RE: 03/17/1875 - 10/31/1881 | |
| Brady | 08/08/1900 - 11/30/1913 | Mingo | | RE: 11/29/1881 - 12/13/1886 | C to Marlinton |
| Braucher | 03/26/1906 - 11/30/1910 | Burner | Marlinton | 12/13/1886 | |
| Buckeye | 01/30/1882 | | Matthewsville | 08/16/1828 - 03/22/1851 | C to Dunmore |
| Buckeye Cove | 09/04/1866 - 07/15/1872 | | May | 10/17/1904 - 03/15/1915 | Burner |
| | RE: 02/05/1873 - 07/07/1879 | | Mill Point | 05/05/1835 - 07/09/1988 | Hillsboro |
| Burner | 02/13/1904 - 12/15/1916 | Mount Lick | Minnehaha | 10/26/1912 - 12/24/1912 | C to Minnehaha Springs |
| Burr | 04/12/1915 - 09/29/1934 | Huntersville | | | |
| Cackley's | 02/07/1822 - 07/21/1836 | C to Blue Beard | Minnehaha | | |
| Cass | 02/25/1901 | | Springs | 12/24/1912 - 01/10/1987 | Marlinton |
| Clawson | 08/19/1901 - 01/31/1913 | Augment | Mosing | 09/03/1875 - 03/16/1880 | |
| Clover Lick | 07/14/1875 - 05/31/1971 | Stony Bottom | Mount Lick | 04/07/1914 - 06/30/1919 | Durbin |
| Collins | 01/24/1902 - 03/18/1903 | C to Hosterman | Mount Murphy | 03/24/1856 - 04/03/1884 | Academy |
| Deer Creek | 07/18/1912 - 08/15/1921 | Cass | | RE: 04/28/1884 - 03/12/1886 | Academy |
| Denmar | 02/03/1911 - 12/31/1951 | Beard | Naps Creek | 06/08/1827 - 07/21/1828 | |
| Denning | 01/26/1887 - 03/15/1888 | Aylmer | Nida | 10/26/1916 - 09/30/1920 | Hosterman |
| Dilley's Mill | 10/26/1887 - 06/15/1915 | Dunmore | | | |
| Driftwood | 05/06/1886 - 05/15/1902 | Clover Lick | Nottingham | 04/13/1918 - 05/15/1930 | Durbin |
| Driscoll | 07/21/1890 - 10/15/1906 | Huntersville | Oldfield Fork | | |
| Droop | 06/16/1910 - 02/28/1934 | Hillsboro | of Elk | 06/19/1849 - 02/24/1860 | C to Elk |
| | RE: 08/13/1942 - 01/10/1987 | | Onoto | 06/19/1900 - 12/31/1934 | Marlinton |
| | (was in Greenbrier Co. from 1919 to 1934) | | Raywood | 02/17/1915 - 08/18/1934 | Dunmore |
| Dunlevie | 08/24/1905 - 07/11/1911 | C to Thornwood | Rimel | 09/05/1903 - 11/15/1924 | Minnehaha Springs |
| Dunmore | 03/22/1851 - 06/28/1866 | | Seebert | 05/27/1901 - 02/28/1987 | Hillsboro |
| | RE: 07/10/1866 | | Sittington | 04/28/1904 - 05/14/1906 | Cass |
| Durbin | 03/07/1898 | | Slatyfork | 05/15/1901 | |
| Edray | 11/12/1849 - 08/15/1937 | Marlinton | Spice | 02/21/1912 - 01/08/1943 | Beard |
| Elk | 02/24/1860 - 08/13/1877 | | Split Rock | 06/25/1875 - 08/21/1883 | Mingo Flat |
| | RE: 04/07/1879 - 10/10/1879 | | | RE: 11/15/1883 - 08/11/1894 | C to Linwood |
| Frank | 01/16/1926 - 03/17/1984 | Bartow | Spruce | 08/25/1902 - 08/31/1925 | Cass |
| Frost | 08/13/1853 - 07/09/1866 | | Stony Bottom | 12/28/1901 - 11/09/1987 | Cass |
| | RE: 10/30/1867 - 04/07/1900 | Sunset | Sunset | 08/13/1853 - 10/04/1866 | |
| | RE: 08/10/1900 - 09/22/1967 | Huntersville | | RE: 12/06/1872 - 06/15/1915 | Huntersville |
| Gertrude | 10/24/1904 - 09/30/1907 | May | Thornwood | 07/11/1911 - 04/30/1944 | Bartow |
| Gillespie | 11/03/1886 - 04/15/1901 | Durbin | Thorny Creek | 05/22/1854 - 10/04/1866 | |
| Green Bank | 08/16/1828 | | Top of | | |
| Harter | 09/05/1903 - 06/15/1916 | Augment | Alleghany | 07/27/1875 - 04/19/1877 | |
| Hillsboro | 07/30/1914 | | | RE: 05/02/1877 - 09/15/1904 | Travellers Repose |
| Hosterman | 03/18/1903 - 10/30/1943 | Durbin | Traveller's | | |
| Huntersville | 09/06/1822 - 06/24/1870 | | Repose | 08/13/1813 - 02/07/1906 | C to Bartow |
| | RE: 07/15/1870 - 04/10/1965 | C to RB of Marlinton | | (established in Greenbrier Co.) | |



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| Violet | 05/04/1905 - 05/15/1909 | Watoga |
| Wanless | 03/16/1894 - 06/30/1914 | Cass |
| Watoga | 07/14/1906 - 08/15/1918 | Seebert |
| | RE: 04/17/1924 - 07/15/1952 | Buckeye |
| Warwick | 02/16/1906 - 03/15/1923 | Marlinton |
| Wildell | 03/01/1904 - 08/31/1916 | Gladys |
| Winterburn | 07/31/1905 - 01/31/1918 | Thornwood |
| Woodrow | 08/28/1913 - 12/31/1937 | Marlinton |
| Yelk | 08/04/1894 - 09/30/1903 | Slatyfork |
| | RE: 07/24/1909 - 06/15/1917 | Edray |

Huntersville
Rur. Br. 04/10/1965 - 03/02/1973
Slatyfork (Snowshoe CPO)



Pocahontas County Post Offices

By Franz L. Pogge

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Mr. Pogge, of Morgantown, is a collector of postal cancellations and he will be in Marlinton for Pioneer Days to exhibit his collection.



HISTORIC MARKER DEDICATION

On Saturday, May 25, at 6:30 p. m., the Hillsboro Alumni Association will dedicate a marker commemorating the history of education in Little Levels District. The marker is located on the grounds of the present Hillsboro Elementary/Middle School and is made up of foundations stones from the former high school building. The following is a summary of education in the Hillsboro area:

The Little Levels District of Pocahontas County has been a center for higher education since early in the County's history beginning in 1841 with a "classical school" taught by the Rev. Joseph Brown. On February 14, 1842, the Little Levels Academy was chartered by the General Assembly, one of three preparatory schools for the University of Virginia chartered that year in the county. Rev. Brown was the first principal and the school continued until the Civil War as far as is known. To house the academy a brick building was constructed in 1843 at the southeast corner of the intersection of today's Rt. 219 and Denmar Road. The structure had a single story main section with two wings.

Following the Civil War the academy building was sold to the Little Levels Board of Education for use by the slowly developing public school system. At the time the public schools generally provided no more than a primary education and the only recourse for parents wishing for more advanced education for their children was a private school. Hillsboro was the location for several of these. During the years 1872 - 1875 the Little Levels High School was in operation. Starting in 1885 the Little Levels Male and Female Academy opened and functioned until 1901 and perhaps for a year or two beyond that. It is assumed these two schools used the academy building. The Hillsboro Training School, Georgia M. Shearer, Principal, had seven terms, from 1887 to 1894. It occupied a separate building. These schools, with a principal and two or three assistants offered a wide variety of subjects, including the usual areas but also a number of foreign languages, both modern and ancient, and vocal and instrumental music. The brick academy building was torn down in 1882 and replaced with a large two story frame structure.

By the early 1900's the public high school movement was gaining strength in West Virginia and replacing the private academies. In March 1911 the Little Levels Board of Education established the first four year public high school in the county and in May the voters of the district gave a strong 294 to 122 approval for a special tax levy to provide a new building. Hillsboro High School started up in the fall of 1911 in the old academy. The new building, located at the site of the present school, was ready the next year. The first graduation took place in 1913 with two graduates. In 1922-23 a building to house the grade school was constructed adjacent to the high school. The gym building was built in 1938 and the Vocational Agriculture building was completed in 1958.

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McNEEL MILL — The Mill was painted this past year and looks wonderful. A grant from the National Society for the Preservation of Old Mills paid \$2,215 on this. All of the windows have now been repaired and replaced or new sashes purchased and put in, all treated and painted. Three new windows were put in where original windows had been covered up. The roof had new flashing put under the edges and the roof was repaired and patched up four feet (where it could be reached from the scaffolding). Go by for a look. Holes and broken boards in the flooring on the inside have been repaired and/or replaced and a porch on the east side will be built to match a very old picture of the Mill before May 31. The Historic Preservation Fund of the Department of Culture and History is paying half of the cost of the windows, roof, porch, and floor repair. \$1379.50 was recently received from that fund and more will be forthcoming in June. Donations from individuals and the Bank of Marlinton were received for \$940.00 last year and more this year will be gratefully accepted.. The next project is to get water to the wheel. We are waiting to hear from Dr. Kemp, at the University, and some others on this. Since the County Commission has approved a flood plain ordinance, the Mill may be eligible for federal money.

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CASS HOMECOMING — A FESTIVAL

History Items

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Woodchuck was a man of about thirty-five years of age and is well known throughout the county as a dealer in lumber. For the past few years he has been engaged in apparently endless litigation, which made him a frequent visitor to the county seat. He was noted for being daring if not reckless when logging. He leaves a wife and a number of small children.

Cricket at Mingo - Anyone passing Duffryn, Mr. Arthur Lawson's farm, last Saturday afternoon would have seen a cricket match in full flower. The game is not generally known in America, but it is as universal in England as baseball is in America. The game calls for the same quick work, ready judgment, and good catching which mark the baseball player. A cricket bat looks like a mistake. It is a broad oval paddle. The ball is very similar to a baseball. The bowler, occupying a similar position to the pitcher of baseball, throws, without using his elbow, at the wicket composed of three sticks about 22 inches high and some 16 inches broad. When this is hit by the bowler the batter is out. He may be caught out or thrown out, also. The batter's business is to keep the ball from striking the wicket, and to keep from being hit himself. One gets the same bruises, bursted hands, and hard runs that fill the baseball player's life.

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POCAHONTAS IN 1823 - (Printed in 1895)

The extract printed below is from a letter written by Col. J. Howe Peyton, the first commonwealth's attorney of this county, on his first visit to Huntersville, at the first term of the "Superior Court" which was held after the formation of the county. The two buildings, which he speaks of, were situated on the site of Mr. C. R. Moore's house. The county in 1830 contained 2,542 people. Col. Peyton traveled with Judge Stuart from Staunton, and, as his letter shows, he was considerably impressed with the crudeness of the manner of living west of the Alleghany:

"On Tuesday at two o'clock we arrived at Huntersville, the seat of Justice of Pocahuntas (sic) county—a place as much out of the world as Crim Tartary. Owing to the bad condition of the roads we were much fatigued and bore many marks of travel-stain. The so called town of Huntersville consists of two illy-constructed time-worn, (though it is not time which has worn them,) weather-beaten cabins built on logs and covered with clapboards. My negro cabins on Jackson's river are palaces in comparison with them.

"One of these wretched hovels is the residence of John Bradshaw, the other is called the loom-house for these people are self-sustaining. They spin and weave. The big wheel and the little wheel are birring in every hut and throwing off the woolen and linen yarn to be worked up for family purposes. The home-spun cloth, too, is stronger and more durable than that brought by our merchants from Northern manufacturers.

"In Bradshaw's dwelling there is a large fire-place, which occupies one entire side, the gable end. The chimney is enormous and so short that the room is filled with light which enters this way. It is an ingenious contrivance for letting all the warmth escape through the chimney, whilst most of the smoke is driven back into the chamber. In the chimney-corner I prepared my legal papers before a roaring fire, surrounded by rough mountaineers, who were drinking whiskey and as night advanced, growing riotous. In the back part of the room two beds were curtained off with horse-blankets—one for the Judge and one for myself. To the left of the fire-place stood old Bradshaw's couch. In the loft, to which they ascended, by means of a ladder, his daughter and the hired woman slept, and at times of a crowd, a wayfarer. The other guests were sent to sleep in the Loom-house, in which was suspended in the loom, a half-woven piece of cloth. Three beds were disposed about the room, which completed its appointments—one was allotted to Sampson Matthews, a second to John Baxter, the third to George Mays, and John Brown. The loom was used as a hat-rack at night and for sitting on, in the absence of chairs, in the day. As there was not a chair or stool beyond those used by the weaving women, my clients *roosted* on the loom while detailing their troubles and receiving advice.

"Bradshaw's table is well supplied. There is profusion, if not prodigality, in the rich, lavish bounty of the goodly tavern. We had no venison, as this is a shy season with the deer, but excellent mutton with plenty of apple sauce, peach pie, and roasting ears. As a mark of deference and respect to the Court, I presumed, we had a table-cloth—they are not often seen on Western tables and when they are, are not innocent of color—and clean sheets upon our beds. This matter of the sheets is no small affair in out of the way places, as it not unfrequently happens, that wanderers communicate disease through the bedclothing. Old Bradshaw's family is scrupulously clean, which is somewhat remarkable in a region where cleanliness is for the most part on the outside. A false modesty seems to prevent those salutary ablutions which are so necessary to health, and I did not commend myself to the good graces of the hired woman by insisting on my foot-bath every morning.

"We remained five days at Huntersville closely engaged in the business of the Court, which I found profitable. Pocahuntas (sic) is a fine grazing county, and the support of the people is mainly derived from their flocks, cattle, horses and sheep, which they drive over the mountains to market. There is little money among them except after these excursions, but they have little need of it—every want is supplied by the happy country they possess, and of which they are as fond as the Swiss of their mountains. It is a pretty country, a country of diversified and beautiful scenery in which there is a wealth of verdure and variety which keeps the attention alive and the outward eye delighted."

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After the defeats, the main Confederate concern became preventing Federal forces from advancing further and threatening the Virginia Central Railroad (now CSX) and Virginia and Tennessee Railroad (now Norfolk Southern). The Confederates sent Brig. Gen. William W. Loring to rebuild their forces and a pause in the Union advance gave him time to organize defensive positions. By the end of July the Confederates had forces located at Huntersville, at Valley Mountain on the road from Marlin's Bottom to Huttonsville, and on top of Allegheny Mountain on the Staunton and Parkersburg Turnpike. By early September a camp, Camp Bartow, had also been established on the S and P Turnpike at the crossing of the East Fork of the Greenbrier River.

Both armies were greatly handicapped by an unusual amount of rain and unseasonably cold weather, including snow, which made troop movements difficult. The wet, cold conditions also were the cause of much sickness among the inexperienced soldiers.

By the end of July, Loring had moved his headquarters to Huntersville. Here he was joined on August 3 by Gen. Robert E. Lee. Lee came not as commander of the Confederate army but as "coordinator" between the forces under Loring and Brig. Gens. Henry Wise and John Floyd, who commanded Confederate forces elsewhere in West Virginia.

Lee moved his headquarters to Valley Mountain on August 6 and spent his time in the next few weeks reconnoitering the area to find ways of driving the Federal forces from their positions. By early September a plan of attack had been devised. The plan involved a two prong attack against the Cheat Mountain fort from both sides, together with an attack on the Elkwater fortifications. Although the Confederates had four separate forces in position to attack on the morning of the 12th, failure of one of them to carry out its responsibilities resulted in the entire affair coming to an unsuccessful end for Lee and Loring.

Following this failure Lee moved on to Greenbrier County to see to the affairs of Wise and Floyd and was back in Richmond by the end of October.

In early October the Federals made an effort to dislodge the Confederate from the Staunton and Parkersburg Turnpike. On October 3 Reynolds sent his troops against the Confederate Camp Bartow where Brig. Gen. Henry R. Jackson was in command. Success would have opened the way way for a move against Staunton. However, his attack against the well entrenched southerners, dug in south of the river, was unsuccessful.

Needs for troops elsewhere caused Confederate authorities to reduce the size of Loring's army, despite the concerns expressed by him and others of his officers that this would open the way for the Federals to move against the Staunton area. Camp Bartow was abandoned in late October leaving the camps on Allegheny Mountain and at Huntersville the only barrier to Union troop movements through Pocahontas County.

Indications that the concerns were justified came in December when Federal Brig. Gen. Robert H. Milroy, now in command of the Union regiments in Randolph County, moved to attack the Allegheny fortifications. The attack came on December 13 and lasted from early morning until early afternoon with the Federals finally forced to retire. Milroy divided his force at Camp Bartow with one part going directly up the turnpike and the other going by way of the road from Green Bank to the top of the mountain. The planned simultaneous attack did not occur when the units going by way of Green Bank were delayed and this allowed the defenders to fight off the two attacking forces separately. In command of the Confederate troops at Camp Allegheny was Col. Edward Johnson.

The year ended with soldiers of the north and the south controlling the Staunton and Parkersburg Turnpike from their mountaintop camps and suffering together the severe winter weather. Also coming in late 1861 or early 1862 was several of the tragedies that mark a civil war. A slave, Jim, was lynched at Huntersville because it was believed he was a spy for federal forces and and three white men were taken from their homes and killed because of their sympathy to the Union.

1862

The new year was only a few days old when the federals made a move against the camp at Huntersville. A detachment of 700 men from the 25th Regiment Ohio Volunteers and 2nd W. Va. Regiment, under Maj. George Webster left Huttonsville on December 31. On the 3rd he chased militia from Marlin's Bottom and did the same with the troops at Huntersville. After burning a building of supplies, Webster began his return to Huttonsville, arriving on the 6th.

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As 1863 was the high-water mark for the fortunes of the Confederacy, with the reverses at Gettysburg and Vicksburg in July starting the beginning of the end, the year also decided that it was going to be the Union that controlled the area that was to become the State of West Virginia on June 20, 1863.

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Jackson returned his regiment to Pocahontas County following the Averell raid. In September the Pocahontas County Court gave the iron from the walls in the county jail to Jackson's regiment as material for making horsehoes.

On September 24 a patrol of Union troops skirmished with Confederates at Bartow.

In need of supplies for his command, Confederate Maj. Gen. Thomas L. Rosser moved from his camp near Staunton, across Pocahontas County, to attack the Federal camp at Beverly. Catching the Union troops off their guard on January 11, 1865, his troops captured both men and supplies. Rosser went to Warm Springs after his attack, going by way of Marlin's Bottom. Bitter cold weather caused suffering for both captors and prisoners on the return trip.

About a week following Gen. Lee's surrender at Appomattox, a detachment of 150 men from the 8th Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, under Capt. Joseph Badger, made a reconnaissance through Randolph, Pocahontas, Highland and Bath Counties. Part of the purpose of the expedition was to post notices of the terms under which Confederate soldiers could surrender and be paroled. Leaving Philippi on April 15, the route was by way of Beverly, Huttonsville, Marlins Bottom, Huntersville, Mountain Grove, Crab Bottom, back to Beverly on the Staunton and Parkersburg Turnpike, arriving at Philippi on the 23rd.

Capt. Badger had a brief skirmish with Confederate soldiers returning to their homes east of Minnehaha Springs on the 18th without injury to either side. Badger reported that former Confederates he talked to said the news of the generous terms of parole were welcome as they had assumed they would be going to prison. Their main desire was to return home.

The last recorded Civil War activity in Pocahontas County was a scouting expedition through the area by another detachment of the 8th Ohio. Leaving Clarksburg on June 1, Col. Wesley Owens led 400 men through Beverly to Marlin's Bottom and Huntersville. He found the Pocahontas county seat to be nearly deserted with only two families there. At Huntersville he split his force, with one group going to Mountain Grove and the other going up Knapps Creek, joining together again at Green Hill, in Highland County. After scouting through that county, Owens returned by way of the S & P Turnpike and was back at his camp on June 13.

The purpose of the excursion was to search for government owned property and former Virginia Governor William Smith. Owens failed to find the latter and little of the former. He reported that "Returning rebels are going to work and conduct themselves with propriety."

In October Jackson made an expedition into central West Virginia which included a skirmish at Bulltown in Braxton County. Upon his return, Jackson made the headquarters of his 19th Cavalry at Mill Point and by early November also had the 20th Virginia Cavalry at Marlin's Bottom with Col. William W. Arnett in command. There were outposts at Edray and Dunmore.

In late October, Averell was ordered to move from Beverly to Lewisburg, driving away the Confederate forces in the area. Troops from the Kanawha Valley under Brig. Gen. Alfred N. Duffié were directed to join Averell at Lewisburg for an attack against the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad, if it was felt this was possible.

Averell's main force left Beverly on November 1 and went by way of Cheat Bridge, Bartow and Green Bank to Huntersville, arriving there on the 4th. Once there, Averell made plans to capture Arnett's regiment at Marlin's Bottom by sending part of his force down Knapps Creek and another down the road on Beaver Creek in hopes of trapping him in between. However, Arnett got to Mill Point ahead of the Union troops and joined Jackson. Averell move the rest of his force to Mill Point early on the 5th.

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As 1864 moved on, Confederate forces were generally moved into the Shenandoah Valley to join Gen. J. S. Early in his efforts to protect the Valley from Gen. Philip Sheridan. In the first part of 1865 Confederate regiments under Rosser, Imboden, and Jackson were wintering in the Virginia counties east of Pocahontas County and only one or two units of the 19th Virginia Cavalry were reported to be stationed in the county.

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| Civil War graves in Bartow | Mullenax | Sugar Loag |
| Unknown (Jessie Powell's farm) | | |

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| North Fork Road Patrick Bruffey Sutton/Brown/Ruckman | Sheets Road Arbogast William R. Sheets John Sheets Sutton Nottingham/Taylor | Back Alleghany Mountain Wanless Hevener Gum Bethel Hosterman Cassell | Brown's Creek McCutcheon Gragg Bethel Civil War (Larry Taylor's) |
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| Sunset | Near Jacox. |
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| Wilmouth | Top of Allegheny. |
| Wm Sharp, Jr. | From Marlinton go North to DOH garage. Turn Right. Cross bridge, and keep left at Y. Continue approx. 5 miles to Stop sign. Turn right approx. 3/4 mile to cemetery on left. |
| Yeager-Arbogast | On right aprox. 1/2 mile north on Rt. 28 from Bartow. |

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| Fairview | North from Marlinton 4 miles to Slaty Fork. Turn right on Slaty Fork Road (4 miles) at Y at 0.5 miles) 3.5 miles to intersection. Turn right 2 miles to Fairview church. |
| Fairview II | On left, approx. 100 yards past Fairview Church. |
| Frost | On Hilltop back of small brick church all of Rt. 84 in Frost. |
| Gay - Jerico Rd. | Located on the right of Jerico Rd. as you travel toward Marlinton from the Hamlin Chapel (Old Log Church). It is difficult to see from road. The cemetery has not been used for some years. |
| Gibson | On left of U. S. 219 near Slaty Fork from Marlinton. |
| Goodsell | Approx. 1 mile east of Frank on Rt. 250. Just before first service station on left. Turn left through gate, stay left at Y uphill to cemetery. Travel possible in car when dry. Road is rough. Distance from gate approx. 1/4 - 1/2 mile. Might be better to walk. |
| Grimes | U. S. 219 North from Marlinton to Back Mountain Road. Turn right and continue 10-15 miles to Woods Podge Chapel next right to right. Turn right 1.1 miles to cemetery on right. Cemetery is in pasture visible from road. |
| Grogg | From Arbovale go north on Route 92 1.6 miles to intersection. Turn right 0.7 miles on left in field. |
| Gum | On left 10.7 miles north of Cass on Back Mt. Road |
| Hannah | North on U. S. 219 from Marlinton approx. 10 miles. Watch for Gibson Cemetery on left. Immediately after passing Gibson Cemetery, turn left into first farm road. Keep left at next road to gate. Cemetery will be to your right on the right side of valley. You must walk to this cemetery. |
| Harper | Route 92 north of Minnehaha Springs. |
| Hartman | At or near Arbovale |
| Hevener | North on Back Mountain Road 9.7 miles from intersection in Cass. Cemetery is on left in view of road. |
| Hill | Lobelia. |
| Hilltop | North on Back Mountain Road 2.3 miles from intersection in Cass. Turn left onto gravel road 0.3 miles. Cemetery is on left in view of roadway. |
| Hively | East of Rt. 39 from Marlinton to Rt. 28. Left on Rt. 28 to road to right just before Pocahontas High School. Turn right, on Rt. 13 approx. ____ miles. Cemetery will be left on hillside. |
| Hudson | From Green Bank go East on Wesley Chapel Road 1.5 miles to intersection. Turn right 2.8 miles to next intersection at Wesley Chapel. Turn left 0.8 miles. Cemetery is on hillside to right. Landowner lives in house on immediate right across stream. |
| Huntersville | On hilltop in, and to south of, community of Huntersville. |
| Kee | South on U. S. 219 from Marlinton approx 4 miles to Bucks Run Road on right. Turn right 0.2 miles to cemetery on hill top on left. |
| Kellison | Near Sunset Cemetery at Jacox |
| LeMasters | North on Back Mt. Road from Cass, 14.6 miles. Cemetery is on left. |
| McElwee | On lawn of Minnehaha Springs Methodist Church. 3+ unmarked graves. |
| McLaughlin - Brown's Mtn. | Approximately 1 mile E. of Huntersville, turn left onto unpaved road. Continue on unpaved road to gate. Property belongs to Doug Jett. Cemetery is on knoll left approximately 1/2 mile beyond gate. |
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| McLaughlin - Dunmore | From intersection of Routes 28/92 at Dunmore, go south 0.5 mile. Turn right, and go around 2.0 miles to cemetery on right. |
| McLaughlin - Huntersville | East from Marlinton on Rt. 39 to intersection of Rt. 28. Turn left on Rt. 28 to next paved road to right. Turn right to near end of road. Turn left on unpaved road. Cemetery is on the right of roadway which goes up steep hill. |
| McLaughlin - Marlinton | Within the city limits of Marlinton. On Hamilton Hill. |
| Meeks | This cemetery approximately 0.5 miles south of Stony Bottom cemetery on same side of road. It is downhill from road and may be difficult to see. |
| Moore | East of Minnehaha Springs on Route 92. Cemetery on hilltop on left of road. |
| Mt. Zion Church | East from Marlinton on Rt. 39 to intersection with Rt. 28. Turn left onto Rt. 28. Continue to Gordon Dilley Road. Turn right and continue approximately 4 miles to Mt. Zion Church (old log structure), and cemetery. |
| Nottingham | From Green Bank 2 mile south to Sheets Road. Turn left on Sheets Road 4.1 miles to cemetery on hilltop on left. |
| Old Huntersville | In town of Huntersville. I understand many of the original headstones have been removed from the graves, and have been discarded over a nearby embankment. |
| Pleasant Green | Rt. 219 North of Hillsboro to Seebert Road. Right onto Seebert Road 0.4 mile to unused Pleasant Green Church on left. Cemetery is behind church. |
| Ruckman | At Mill Point |
| Salisbury or Saulsbury Road | From Arbovale, north on Route 92, 2.5 miles to intersection on right. Turn right 0.5 miles to next intersection. Turn right 0.87 miles to Y. Stay right at Y 0.2 mile to cemetery. Cemetery is on right, and downhill from roadway. |
| Sharp - Jerico Rd. | From intersection of U. S. 219/39 at Marlinton go South 3/4 mile to Jerico Road. Turn right onto Jerico Rd. approx. 3 miles. Incomplete. |

rest awhile. The Indian leader, an old man, sat on this rock. Around his shoulders hung a bear's intestine filled with commel mush. This he would squeeze out and eat for his lunch. Thence the Indians proceeded on a bee line westward over the Warm Springs Mountain, and on the evening of the first day camped on Muddy Run, about five miles north east of the Warm Springs.

On the second day they crossed Jacksons River near Warwickton, Back Creek Mountain, and camped near the mouth of Little Back Creek, now Mountain Gove. The boy prisoner, Joseph Mayse, was placed to sleep between two warriors. He was made very uncomfortable by a large root of the tree under which they had lain down to sleep. His sufferings becoming too painful to endure, he took one of the Indians by the hand and placed it on the source of his misery. He understood the trouble and made the other lie over and give the young prisoner a softer place to sleep.

The third day they crossed the Alleghany and camped about half way between Marlinton and Huntersville. Early on the fourth day, just after crossing the Greenbrier River at the Island ford, the Indians and their prisoners were overtaken by a pursuing party. The young prisoner was on a pack horse, and it, becoming frightened when the skirmish opened, ran off and became entangled in some grape vines. The boy was pulled off into a thicket of nettles. The Indians were so closely pressed they had not time to turn and kill the boy. The Indians were pursued some distance up Stony Creek and Indian Draft, but could not be overtaken. On their return the pursuing party picked up the young prisoner, still in the nettles near the fording, and took him back to the settlement. . . .

The infant had been dashed to death against a tree on the first approach of the pursuers. It was buried near the crossing of the Marlin Run in Marlinton. (Across the road from the home of Pearl Ward, near the Pennzoil Station.)

Eight or nine years after his captivity Joseph Mayse was a soldier in the battle of Point Pleasant, and was severely wounded. Forty-six years afterwards his wounded leg was amputated above the knee, by Dr. Charles Lewis, who came all the way from Lynchburg and remained with his patient six weeks. Joseph Mayse served as magistrate between forty-five and fifty years, and was twice high sheriff. . . . (In Bath County).

Mrs. Mayse, Mrs. Sloan, and the nameless white girl were taken to the Indian towns near Chillicothe, about 275 miles from Marlinton, by the route taken by their captors. From Chillicothe they made their way towards Detroit. By the aid of friendly Indians they received directions, and finally reached Pennsylvania and thence home, after an absence of about fifteen months.

Letter from Marvin Hill

The following is a list of those cemeteries for which a canvass has been completed as of April 1994. I believe there are near 70 on the list. Others are in progress.

While collecting the information, if we did not know the proper name of the cemetery, we, for the most part, used the most prevalent name which appeared on the stones. I realize some of these are in error. Thus, we need help to correct the names.

Also, at last count, I had located 146 cemeteries in Pocahontas, but I know there are many others which have not been found. We need help with the location of any cemetery.

Those wishing to help should write to the Allegheny Regional Family History Society, P. O. Box 1804, Elkins, WV 26241, or they may call Mrs. Violet McElwee at 572-2285. That is a toll free call from Pocahontas County. Mrs. McElwee has a map of the county, and a list of those completed.

Frank Young did make a list from thirteen cemeteries in the County during the 1936 WPA project. Most of those were around the Edray area. The Cochran and Duffield were two. Thank goodness he preserved the information from Duffield.

Thank you for your help, and my sincerest thanks to the Historical Society for the invitation and chance to bring this project to their attention.

Marvin O. Hill

P. S. I did get a response from two people in the Green Bank/Durbin area from the release in the "Times." Both are helping with that area.

Cemeteries Canvassed in Pocahontas County, West Virginia as of April 1994

| <u>Cemetery</u> | <u>Directions</u> |
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| Arbovale | In community of Arbovale, WV |
| Bartow Church | At Church in Bartow, WV |
| Bethel Southern Methodist Church | East on Rt. 39 from Marlinton to intersection of Rt. 28. Left on Rt. 28 to "Gordon Dilley Road." Right on "Gordon Dilley Road" to Bethel, 1st Church on Left. |
| Bethel UMC | North "Back Mountain Road ___ miles from intersection in Cass, WV, to Bethel United Methodist Church. Cemetery is on grounds of Church. |
| Big Springs Presby. Ch. | From U. S. 219 and intersection to Snowshoe. Turn toward Snowshoe Ski Resort. Church on left just after turning. |
| Boyer | At Boyer, visible from roadway |
| Bruffey | At Emmanuel Church, Lobelia |
| Bussard/Buzzard | One mile N. on Rt. 92 from Frost. On small knoll visible from highway. |
| Corso | North from Marlinton on U. S. 219 to Back Mountain road. Turn right onto Back Mtn. Road. Continue 10-15 miles to Woods Poage Chapel. Go just past Woods Poage Chapel to next roadway to right. Turn right 0.2 miles to cemetery on right. |
| Curry | Visible on hilltop to N. of intersection of Rts. 92 and 84 at Frost. |
| Dilley | East from Marlinton on Rt. 39 to intersection with Rt. 28. Turn left onto Rt. 28 and continue to Gordon Dilley Road on right. Turn onto Gordon Dilley Road to first intersection. Turn right at first intersection to first 2 story farm home on left, (residence of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Dilley). Cemetery is on hill behind home. May or may not be visible from road. |
| Dilley at Dunmore | On Dewey and Madge Galford property approx. 1 mile south of Dunmore on Route 92. Not visible from highway. |

Family of OLIVE R. RATLIFF RITCHIE, daughter of Elva M. Ratliff and Jo Anna SS. Collins Ratliff — Mrs. Eva Nevin, 912 Elizabeth St., Lebanon, Pennsylvania 17042
 ARBOGAST/BUSSARD Families — Rosemary Pickett, 1826 55th Court, Cicero, Illinois 60650
 HANNAH Family — Mary Judy Kuehster, 2696 Deming Blvd., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001
 JOHN MYLES and JANE HANNA Descendants — David Myles White, 2033 Bear Ridge Road, Dundalk, Maryland 21222
 THOMAS HATTON/HATTEN — Kathryn Carlson, 912 Burning Bush Court, Gaylord, Michigan 49735
 RICHARD and ELIJAH HUDSON — Oscar M. Hudson, 18015 Heator Drive, Houston, Texas 77084
 JOHN W. GOODSSELL — Died 2-13-31; established Pocahontas Tannery in Frank; wife GEORGIA ANNE BAKER GOODSSELL; State Board of Regents 1900; need newspaper articles and any other info. Julian Hamed, 9301 Robnel Place, Vienna, VA 22181.

Family History Letter

Mrs. Frances Eskridge:

I have just recently completed, to my knowledge, the first major work on the family and descendants of Jacob Kéckley, Sr., of Frederick County, Virginia. Jacob lived there from as early as mid 1740's to his death in 1789—many of his descendants have lived and died in the area. There are many there today. However, one of his sons, Valentine Cackley, migrated to present-day Pocahontas County, West Virginia. His descendants continue to live there.

I am wondering if it would be possible to advertise this book in your newsletter? This book does not deal with personalities, careers, means of livelihood nor personal matters. Most of the descendants are today Kackleys and Keckleys—the Cackleys are less numerous, or I have not found as many in my over 30 years of searching—but they are all related and descendants of the original Jacob Keckley. Following is a partial description:

JACOB'S HOUSE: CACKLEY/KACKLEY/KECKLEY FAMILY 707 pages + 117 pages Index. 6"x9", printed on #50 natural acid-free paper, casebound in group C. Roxite cloth (red linen finish). Cover and front stamped with title. No photographs. Small print. Price: \$59.77 postpaid. Libraries 15% discount. Order from: Elizabeth F. Qualls, Rt. 1, Box 300, Evening Shade, Arkansas 725332-9756.

WANTED — A volunteer to clean a fine old cash register from the Peoples Store; it went through the flood.

HISTORY ITEMS

James Wooddell, of Green Bank, is still reading old papers and perusing the old order books at the Court House. He gave us these items for the Newsletter.

Pocahontas County Court Order Book 5 - Pages 126 & 127 — June 1, 1852:

On motion of Johnathon B. Casebolt, it is ordered that George W. Amiss, Josiah Beard, James W. Miller, and Sherman Clark be appointed viewers to layoff and mark the way for a road, from the House of George W. Amiss to Josiah Beard's Mill by way of Casebolt's Mill, and that they make said road as layed off by them, and report to Court the Conveniences and inconveniences that will result as well to individuals, as the publick, should said road be established, and make their report to the next Court.

Ordered that William H. Ervine be assigned to work on the precinct 4 public road of which William Waugh is surveyor.

Chrisitopher Stulting, born August 1826 in Utrich, one of the States of Holland, and who emigrated to the United States 1st May 1847 & has been a resident of Virginia ever since his arrival in the United States, this day declared, on oath, that it is bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the United States, & renounce forever, all allegiance & fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovreignty whatever and particularly to the Sovereignty of Holland.

Cornelius J. Stulting, born 4th January 1790 in Utrich, one of the States of Holland, & who emigrated to the United States, 1st May 1847 & has been a resident of Virginia ever since his arrival in the United States, this day declared on oath, that it is bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the United States & renounce forever all allegiance & fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty, whatever, and particularly to the Sovereignty of Holland.

Nicholas Stulting, born 18th June 1821 in Utrich, one of the Holland States, & who emigrated to the United States 1st May 1847 & has been a resident of Virginia ever since his arival in the United States, this day declared on oath, that it is bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the United States & renounce forever all allegiance & fidelity to any Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the Sovereignty of Holland.

John Vanrenan, born 14th November 1804 in Utrich, one of the States of Holland, and who emigrated to the United States 1st of May 1847 & has been a resident of Virginia ever since his arrival in the United States, this day declared on oath, that it is bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the United States & renounce forever all allegiance & fidelity to any Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, & particularly to the Sovreignty of Holland.

The Pocahontas Times, 29 Jun 1893 Home Town News - A letter from Mr. Henry White announces that the corner stone of the new church to be erected near Driscol will be laid on the 9th of July next.

13 Jul 1893 Biographical Sketch, JOHN McNEIL - This person, familiarly known as "Big John" to distinguish him from two or three other contemporary Johns, is deserving of special mention as a citizen of prominence and marked influence and usefulness, in this community, in his day.

He was born April 20, 1793, at the Swago Mill, now in possession of the McClintics. His parents were Jonathan and Phoebe McNeil. The mother was a daughter of Moses Moore, the renowned pioneer, hunter and trapper. "Aunt Phoebe" was remarkable for her piety, industry, common sense, candour, plainness of speech and

kindness of heart. She managed the grist mill for years, taking off and putting on the sacks of meal and flour with amazonian dexterity and ease. In later years she merely superintended the grinding, keeping some one of her numerous grandsons to do the heavy work.

Squire McNeil was married Sept. 3, 1811, in the 19th year of his age, to Rebecca McNeil, a near relative, and settled on Dry Creek. Their family numbered three sons and eight daughters.

In boyhood, he was busily employed working the crops, digging in caves for saltpetre, assisting in running the grist mill, the power mill and the sawmill.

By diligent selfimprovement in the meanwhile he acquired all that was deemed essential at that period, to fit himself for a teacher. He taught school for many years and educated his own family and the families of his neighbors.

For much of his early life there were no physicians resident nearer than Warm Springs and Lewisburg. Consequently sick people had to rely upon improvised home treatment. Mr. McNeil procured and read medical books, and with the assistance of Dianah Saunders, and others experienced in nursing the sick, the people of Swago and vicinity were remarkably well cared for. In the later years of his life he was sent for from other neighborhoods. These services were in the main gratuitously rendered.

In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a fervent disciple of Wesley. He died November 10, 1861. He sleeps in a well preserved grave in the Buckley Cemetery, one of the best cared for burial grounds in the county.

"Life's duty done, securely laid

Unheeded o'er his silent dust

In this his lasst retreat

The storms of life may beat.

Dunmore News - Samuel Kline, Jr. is running the Dunmore mill. Little Owen Kerr, 2 1/2 years old, son of Renick and Belle Kerr, was kicked in the head by a horse on Friday evening last and instantly killed. He was buried at Dunmore. . . .

Home Town News - Many were shocked to hear of the sudden death of William Campbell, at Huntersville, last Thursday. He dropped dead on the front porch of Loury and Doyle's store . . . native born Scotchman . . . five children including John E. Campbell, editor of the Alleghany Sentinel.

Green Bank News - Mr. James Benson of Monterey, Va. has rented L. Wiseman's steam sawmill and has started to sawing. Died, on Back Alleghany on the 8th inst. of diphtheria, Miss Cassell, daughter of John Cassell. There will be a public meeting at this place on the 20th. The object is to take steps to start a high school

20 Jul 1893 Home Town News - A. M. Oliver of Green Bank District resigned the office of Constable. The contract for building a new couthouse and jail was awarded the Manly Manufacturing Company of Dalton, Ga. at \$28,483. . . .

27 Jul 1893 Wallace Sheets, son of George Sheets, age 15 years, died at Robert Sutton's on Back Alleghany of diphtheria. Also a daughter of Robert Sutton, age 9 years, died last week with the same disease.

10 Aug 1892 Dunmore News - A rattler struck Arthur Noel on the leg, and he carried the snake a dozen yards before he could shake him off. He wore corduroy pants, and the snake did not strike the flesh.

Green Bank News - Died on the 5th inst., on Back Alleghany of diphtheria, a little girl aged 10 years, of Newton Gum.

17 Aug 1893 Green Bank News - Two more of Newton Gum's children have died of diphtheria and he and his wife are down with the disease. Mr. Thomas Cassell and child are low, and Robert Sutton's are better - he has lost three.

24 Aug 1893 Green Bank News - Died on the 17th inst. of diphtheria near Traveler's Repose, a son of Daniel Stone, aged 15 years.

31 Aug 1893 Certificates of teachers and percent: No. 1: M. G. Mathews, 95; John S. Moore, 94; C. S. McNulty, 92; Nora Bobbett, 92; Annette Ligon, 91; Alice Clark, 91; W. F. Snedegar, 90; J. A. McLaughlin, 90; W. H. Shafer, 90; G. E. Moore, 90; Allie Baxter, 90; Lena C. Hill, 90; No. 2: Claudia Dysard, 90; Lula Burner, 87; Verdie Clark, 87; Neva McNeil, 86; Emma Burner, 86; Alice McLaughlin, 86; Ella Kerr, 85; Lena McLaughlin, 85; Maggie Eagle, 85; Lula A. Bobbett, 84; Bertie Beard, 84; Georgia Hannah, 84; Nora Riley, 84; Mattie Curry, 84; W. L. Anderson, 83; Allie McLaughlin, 83; Birdie Baxter, 83; Joanna Silva, 81; Lena Kennison, 80; Nora Kennison, 80. No. 3 - None. Issued: Dennis McNeil, aged 14, made an average grade of 81 but was too young to be eligible for a certificate to teach.

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My dear mistress I rite this to let you that I never forgot you pleas tell me how all are and giv my lov to all and ples dont wonder at this writing for I did it myself. I cante spel good but however I hope you can make it out. When I spent the winter at the springs I were on able to get to see you but I remember very well how you told lme about god. I find him kind having tender mercy since he will not forsake us. every messenger of affliction may be regarded as coming to us with an olive branch in one hand - a love token gathered in bowers of paradise and in the other, a cup, mingled by one too gracious to put in one needless ingredient of sorrow. thou shalt not be burned neither shall the flames kindle upon thee. Since I have seen you I met many strange trials but god has been good

the grist mill, the power mill and the sawmill.

By diligent selfimprovement in the meanwhile he acquired all that was deemed essential at that period, to fit himself for a teacher. He taught school for many years and educated his own family and the families of his neighbors.

For much of his early life there were no physicians resident nearer than Warm Springs and Lewisburg. Consequently sick people had to rely upon improvised home treatment. Mr. McNeil procured and read medical books, and with the assistance of Dianah Saunders, and others experienced in nursing the sick, the people of Swago and vicinity were remarkably well cared for. In the later years of his life he was sent for from other neighborhoods. These services were in the main gratuitously rendered.

In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a fervent disciple of Wesley. He died November 10, 1861. He sleeps in a well preserved grave in the Buckley Cemetery, one of the best cared for burial grounds in the county.

"Life's duty done, securely laid

Unheeded o'er his silent dust

In this his lasst retreat

The storms of life may beat.

Dunmore News - Samuel Kline, Jr. is running the Dunmore mill. Little Owen Kerr, 2 1/2 years old, son of Renick and Belle Kerr, was kicked in the head by a horse on Friday evening last and instantly killed. He was buried at Dunmore. . . .

Home Town News - Many were shocked to hear of the sudden death of William Campbell, at Huntersville, last Thursday. He dropped dead on the front porch of Loury and Doyle's store . . native born Scotchman . . five children including John E. Campbell, editor of the Alleghany Sentinel.

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24 Aug 1893 Green Bank News - Died on the 17th inst. of diphtheria near Traveler's Repose, a son of Daniel Stone, aged 15 years.

31 Aug 1893 Certificates of teachers and percent: No. 1: M. G. Mathews, 95; John S. Moore, 94; C. S. McNulty, 92; Nora Bobbett, 92; Annette Ligon, 91; Alice Clark, 91; W. F. Snedegar, 90; J. A. McLaughlin, 90; W. H. Shafer, 90; G. E. Moore, 90; Allie Baxter, 90; Lena C. Hill, 90; No. 2: Claudia Dysard, 90; Lula Burner, 87; Verdine Clark, 87; Neva McNeil, 86; Emma Burner, 86; Alice McLaughlin, 86; Ella Kerr, 85; Lena McLaughlin, 85; Maggie Eagle, 85; Lula A. Bobbett, 84; Bertie Beard, 84; Georgia Hannah, 84; Nora Riley, 84; Mattie Curry, 84; W. L. Anderson, 83; Allie McLaughlin, 83; Birdie Baxter, 83; Joanna Silva, 81; Lena Kennison, 80; Nora Kennison, 80. No. 3 - None. Issued: Dennis McNeil, aged 14, made an average grade of 81 but was too young to be eligible for a certificate to teach.

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give my lov to all

MARY COLEMAN

Dr. John O. Mc NEEL,
1127 Pine Street,
St. Louis 1, Mo.
Dear Mr. Mc Neel:

Decatur, Illinois.
March 24-1957

Your letter of the 22nd inst. arrived this a.m., in re - the Postoffice of Millpoint, W. Va., originally "Cackleytown", and some inquiry concerning the "Cackley Family".

You seem to have settled at least the time that "Millpoint, Virg." (now W. Va.) became a "U. S. Post office" - however, the name of the town could have been changed earlier than the date the P.O. was established.

I have a copy of a letter written on Feb. 6-1893 by "Dr. Cephus Hackley", Mayesville, Ky. to "Wm. H. Cackley" of Kencana, W. Va., (this Wm. H. the son of (B) Valentine Cackley SR - not the "Wm. H. C." of new Millpoint), in which he was seeking info. about the Virg. Cackleys - and his letter contained the following paragraph = "I saw list of battle skirmishes in Va. I find the name 'CACKLEYTOWN'. I could not find such a Postoffice - where is it? I think Wm. Cackley spoke of the place where his father's." =

Of course, this has reference to "Civil War Skirmishes", and this would be thirty years after the date the P.O. Dept. Records show that the town was Millpoint. (1865 - less 1835 = 30 years) However, between 1862 and 1865 the residents and the Civil War soldiers and correspondents, evidently still called the little village "Cackleytown". The above listed 1893 letter was where I conceived the idea that "Cackleytown" did not become "Millpoint" until the latter part of the Civil War, or later.

The above named "Dr. Cephus Hackley" was of the 4TH Generation, a son of (W) Joseph (none) and Elizabeth (Turner) H., and he a son of (W) Elias (none) Hackley SR, a son of "Jacob Hackley SR. (1701-1788), W. Cov. Gen. No 1.

You ask the privilege to look over my "Cackley" data at some time - and that "Bill" Cackley may have given me much of this material. "Bill" had sent me no data, until a letter came on Mch. 22nd - in which he sent "Info." for his Branch, his parents, grand parents, and great grd parents (Gen. No. 3) - of Levi (none) SR. and Nancy (none) (Bradsheo) Cackley. He sent no data, not even names, for his grandfathers (G) Wm. James C. 3 Brothers and 2 Sisters.

Note that you are compiling a History of the "Mc Neel Family", therefore, I am wondering how far back you may know about the "Original Hackley Ancestors" who came to the "Colonies" - and if you know about the three spellings of the Original Family name of KECKLEY; namely - "KECKLEY - KACKLEY & CACKLEY".

Before I forget it - you are welcome to come look over my (now)

"Keckley Family History Data", at anytime it may suit your convenience - however - I wish to state that my "Cackley Branches" data is LIMITED, as I personally have contacted none of the "Cackley Branches" - I ran into "Bill" in a rather peculiar manner. I wrote the "Assn. of Commerce" at Millport, not then knowing it was such a small village - my letter was sent to the "Prison Camp" - then relayed to "Wm. H. Cackley" of the "Iron Cakes Firm" - and he replied - my inquiry concerned the date that "Cackleytown" became "Millport" - and "Bill" did not know.

I will explain a little more about the "Keckley F. History" "processing" of data - It looks like we will not be "compiling" for 20 or 30 years yet. There are at present 3 historians, and a General Genealogist - so engaged - I have been working on this "History" for only about 5 1/2 years. The "Genl. Genealogist", about 8 years - at present we have "catalyzed" probably over 9,000 ancestors & descendants - I alone - have added over 4,000 in my 5 1/2 years, or almost 1/2 of our total.

I put in about 3 years on the "KECKLEY" Bchs. ONLY, and while doing so - ran into a "Wackley Bch." out in Nebraska, who - in 1865 went into "Court" in Ottumwa, Iowa, and legally changed his last name to "KECKLEY" - and at that time he had 8 children, ranging age from 6 to 22 years - and they all became "KECKLEY (S)" without any legal procedure except his eldest son who applied with his father. This instance - threw me into "processing" "Wackley" Branches - before I was ready to do so - therefore, for the past 2 1/2 yrs + - I have been "processing" "Wackley" Branches.

Our "Genl. Genealogist" - "Mr. Finley B. Campbell" of Pleasant City, Ohio - has been "processing" mostly - "Cackley" Branches, therefore, he has MORE "CACKLEY" detail data than we other 3 "Historians" - though - we all do know about what more lack of we few are doing.

I have, I would roughly say - probably 300 "Cackley" names beginning with Gen No. 2 of "Valentine and "Mary (Dyer) Cackley" and their 6 sons & 4 daughters - names only - no dates - on the 3rd Gen. - I have a few dates - but from the 4th Gen. onward on some of the Bchs. I do have both names and dates. Mr. Campbell, I am sure has much more "Cackley" data than he has sent to me.

Mr. Genl. "Historians" searched for some 8 years to finally PROVE that the ORIGINAL name here in the "Conoco" was "KECK" but - we still can NOT locate the landing record of the 157 Gen.

of "Jacob Kechley Sr." - He evidently came here in the late 1770's or early 1780's. Which is too early for the first "Ship loading records" at Phila. Penn., shown in "Rupp's Thirty Thousand Names", which includes the "Immigrants in Penn" from 1727 to 1776, or 50 years.

Possibly you have, or have heard of the "article" entitled - "THE CACKLEYS", published by the "Hon. Charles B. Johnson" of Blacksburg, Virg. In the "Martinsburg Times" of Feb. 18-1946. If you do have it - "throw it into the waste-basket", as it is the most "in-informative bunch of 'Info.' ever headed to the many - 'Cackley, Kackley and Kechley Cousins' that we know of. It is practically ALL based on "THEORY". And that "article" was "clipped" by many of our Virg. Cousins, and "circulated" all over the various States. The "Historians" now call this "Honorable Chas. B. Johnson" the "HONEY" C.B.J.

He is a descendant from the (1) John Kackley Sr. Bch., thru his daughter (1) Rachel (Ka) JOE - now "JOSE", (2) Hannah (Ka) Johnson; (3) John Ka. Johnson; (4) Wm. James Johnson - then the (5) Hon. Chas. B. Johnson Gen. No. 6, of Blacksburg, Va. (an Attorney).

In his article "The Cackleys" - he sets up the "French Family" of "SEBASTIAN CARUELIN" AS our ORIGINAL ANCESTOR - this French name is pronounced in French as if spelled "CACKELIE". They sailed from Rotterdam, Holland in the "Pinus Augusta", with Samuel Marchant as "Master", PALATINES with their families, in all 330 persons, they touched Dover, England for clearance, and docked at Phila. Penn. as Vessel No. 48. on Sep. 16-1736. At that time - the "Ship lists" only showed the "male passengers" from 16 yrs. upward. The women were carried as "FREIGHTS", the children as "HALF-FREIGHTS". At that time - three "Ship lists" were made - two of the males 16 & upwards signed, one to Governor allegiance to the "King of England" - the other to take oaths to the "Penn. Colonial British Government" - IF - you intended to live in that British Colony of Penn. The "third Ship list" was prepared by the Ship's "Master", in this case "Samuel Marchant" - he - or some sub. officer - made this list in their own hand-writing - Spelling the names as they understood the pronunciation. And on this Master's Ship list these "CARUELIN" names were spelled "CACKELIE" - on the two lists they signed - they plainly spelled their names "CARUELIN" - a very few of these names can be deciphered - I have "photostats" of all three of these "Ship lists". There were 7 children in the family. But -

only the father and 2 sons signed, namely, Sebastian, Diedrich (Signed as Diddy) and Jew. Sebastian Jr. died en route.

The "Masters" list showed them as follows:-

No. 70 - SEBASTIAN CACKENE, age 50 yrs; No. 71 - SEBASTIAN CACKENE, age 27 yrs. (DIED); No. 72 DIDERICK CACKENE, age 70 yrs; and No. 73 - Hance (actually Jean) CACKENE, age 17 yrs. One other male died en route, namely, HANS JONER.

The "Masters" list showed 120 males, 167 upwards - less 2 deceased leaves 118 - but - only 117 signed the other two lists - So 6 evidently went to other colonies to settle.

A distant relative of "Chas B. Johnson" - "Mrs. H. E. Collins" thru (1) Johnka Ss. dtr. (2) Rachel (da) (300) now Yost, and others = The Gen. No. 6 = Mrs. C. B. Johnsons "Jungle" for he to use his "THROAT" - and she actually believed the "Caguelins" WERE our original ancestors. I will relate more of "Mrs. H. E. Collins" later on.

I could not see them "Caguelins" as our original ancestors for three reasons - FIRST - because I felt sure in Mrs. NOTFRENCH; SECOND - none of the names of "SEBASTIAN, DIDERICK OR JEAN" ever appeared in the "Jacob Kewley Sr. Probate", or any of his children, or grand children (3chs), THIRDLY - his name was "Jacob SR". Spelled his name "KECKLEY", as did his 5 children.

Therefore, when I had a little spare time in 1953, I began a search in Penn. to either PROVE or DISAPPROVE these "Caguelin's" as our original ancestors. In about 4 mos time, by correspondence, I PROVED (thru the Caguelin Family Gen. Genealogist Mr. Henry S. Cocklin, Hillsburg, Penn.) that the Caguelins were not even a "KINEM" by any of Sebastian SR's 7 children marrying into either a "KE-KE or CACKLEY" family. If I could have contacted this "HENRY S. COCKLIN" at first - 10 days was all I would have needed to PROVE them not even a "Kinem";

The "British Anglicising Law" of 1718 in the "Colony of Penn.". Finally caught up with the Caguelin Family in its third generation in Penn., or in about 1760, when they became - "COCKLEY - GOCKLEY & COCKLIN (S)".

Now, about "Mrs. H. E. Collins" - She was not what I would call a "Historian" - but - she was searching for an ancestor who was a "Rev. War Soldier" - So - she could become a "D.A.R.". She traced down - "Kackley - Whitman - Tribbey - Yost - Barnes (2 chs) and Collins". She knew that (1) John Kackley SR - WAS a "Rev. War Soldier" - BUT she could not

find his record in either Frederick or Hampshire counties -
So, as she believed the Caguelins were our original ancestors - and
that in the 1700's boundary lines were quite indistinct - she went
up into Leicester & Cumberland Co's. Penn., and took a "John
COCKLEY" (actually Jean Caguelin) who was known as a "Private
in Cumberland Co. Pa. Militia, 3rd Battalion in 1781," and she
added - "and Leicester Co. Penn.". He - probably never fired a gun
at any body in the Rev. War - as the peace treaty was signed in 1781.

The "cagined" her lineage this way:- Emm Barnes Collins,
dtr. of Sam M. Tribby Collins, dtr. of Frances Yost Tribby, dtr. of
Rachel Cockley (actually Kackley - D.E.K.) Yost, dtr. of John Cockley,
and the said John Kackley a son of Jacob Kackley (actually Kecaley
D.E.K.). To support this "John Cockley" under "Ancestral Services"
she brought in: An Archivist, Penn. State Library; Frank Huguenot;
Sebastian Caguelin, his son Sebastian (died & never reached Penn. - D.E.K.),
Dietrich and Jean; Anne Mary Gogley - a member Penn. Huguenot Soc.
from "Jean"; John Cockley owner of Grist Mills near Winchester Va.;
who was one of four brothers who operated Mills near Capon Springs Va.;
about 1812 (was 1817 D.E.K.) John Kackley (KECKLEY - COCKLEY - CACKLEY)
came to Lewis Co. Ohio from near Winchester Va. The name is also
spelled "GOGLEY - KEELEY - KUECHELE - KOCHLEIN & GOCKLEY". =

This was sure a "Master piece of deceit" - but she
became a "D.A.R."

After - 3 yrs. searching - I secured her "Old Stoll Grand Box"
full of letters, papers, notes, etc - which she accumulated in
about 35 years searching - it was at my home for about 2 1/2
years - (just picked up - 2 mos. ago). A copy of the 1893 letter (bro of
them) by Dr. Cephus Kackley - was found in that "Old Grand Box".
I also copied in long hand, two copies each of over 50 letters,
which I felt had "possibilities". The two Dr. Cephus Ka. letters
were worth more than all the others located.

He was a descendant of (4) Elias Ka. SR., more commonly known
as "ELLIS", through his son (4) Joseph & Elizabeth (Gurner) Ka.;
then (3) Dr. Cephus Kackley (Gen No. 4). Through these two letters
of Dr. Cephus Ka., in the past 2 years we have contacted descendants
of almost all of (4) Elias Ka. SR.'s 12 children, whereas, before that
we had only contacted about 5 of them.

Probably I better give you the data, as we now have it
for Generation No. 1 of "Jacob Kecaley SR.", who migrated
from Leicester Co. Penn. in 1741 to the "Valley of Virg." (now the
(1741)

Hennock Valley) and settled in what is now Frederick County. Here he secured approx. 2,000 acres of land and operated a "Plantation" for about 47 years, or until his death in 1788. Have you ever learned where this plantation was located?

= GEN. NO. 1 = KECKLEY FAMILY HISTORY =

JACOB (NONE) KECKLEY SR. B- ¹⁷⁰¹ 1701 IN STAMHEIM, NORTENBERG, GERMANY.

D- FEB 16-1788 IN FREDERICK COUNTY, VIRG.

BRO. FEB. 18-1788 IN OLD FURNACE CEMETERY, NOW ST. JOHN'S CHURCH AND CEMETERY, LOCATED ABOUT 2 MILES E. OF MOUNT WILLIAMS, ON STATE ROUTE NO. 600.

MARR. - ABOUT 1740 IN LANCASTER CO. PENN., NE BELLEVILLE - To -

ANCE - B- -1717; D- -1805 IN FREDERICK CO., VIRG.
BRO. IN ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY.

= CHILDREN =

(1) JOHN (NONE) KECKLEY SR. B- 7-30-1744, LANCASTER CO. PENN. D- 4-23-1843, GUERNSEY CO., OHIO - NOW IN NOBLE CO., 2 1/2 MILES SO. EAST OF PLEASANT CITY, GUERNSEY CO., OHIO.
MARR. - KATHLEEN WHISENAN.
HE HAD 3 SONS & 5 DTRS. - MOST OF THEM LIVED IN GUERNSEY CO., OHIO.
HE WAS A REARER SOLDIER. BORN IN C. 3. RICH CEMETERY S.E. OF PLEASANT CITY, OHIO.

(2) JACOB (NONE) KECKLEY JR. NO BIRTH OR DEATH DATA. MARR. MARGARET SEBEST - 2 SONS & 3 DTRS.
INHERITED THE HOME PLANTATION IN 1788, DIED INTIMATE ONLY A FEW YEARS LATER. ESTATE EVIDENTLY HELD INTACT BY WIFE MARGARET, AS NO RECORDS CAN BE FOUND.

(3) VALENTINE (NONE) KECKLEY SR. NO BIRTH OR DEATH DATES - MARR. "MARY (NONE) FRYE" OF RAPON SPRINGS, VA., EVIDENTLY A DTR. OF THE EARLY PIONEERS "ABRAHAM & AENEAS FRYE" OF FREDERICK CO. VIRG., TWO GR. DTRS. OF BENJAMIN FRYE (DIED IN FRED. CO. IN 1753). THIS "FRYE" FAMILY CAME FROM MONTGOMERY CO. PENN. IN ABOUT 1738 AND SETTLED ON "CEDAR CREEK". IN ABOUT 1788 "VALENTINE KECKLEY SR.", MIGRATED TO WHAT IS NOW POCAHONTAS CO. W. VA., AT THAT TIME WAS GREENBRIER CO., HE SETTLED AT WHAT IS NOW "MILLPOINT, W. VA.", WHERE HE ESTABLISHED AS "KECKLEY TOWN". HERE HE BUILT A MODERN "MILL" FOR THAT TIME; PROJECTED A "TANNERY"; STARTED A "TIN-HAMMER" AND A "GENERAL STORE". HE ALSO PROMOTED & ENCOURAGED OTHER USEFUL INDUSTRIES IN THAT SECTION. AND ACQUIRED A VAST LANDED ESTATE. HE HAD 6 SONS & 11 DTRS.

(4) ELIAS (NONE) KECKLEY SR. NO BIRTH DATA; D- ABOUT 1816 IN FREDERICK CO. VIRG., WHERE HE LIVED HIS ENTIRE LIFE. MARR. "CATHERINE", EVIDENTLY IN FREDERICK CO. VA. THEY HAD 8 SONS & 4 DTRS., ONE SON "BENJAMIN" DIED AT AN EARLY AGE. THEIR FIRST SON, REMAINED IN VIRG., ALSO (6) ELIAS JR. WHO MARR. & DIED AT A FAIRLY YOUNG AGE. THE OTHER CHILDREN CAME TO GUERNSEY CO. OHIO TO RESIDE, (8) JACOB & SARAH SWAPP TO KY - THEN ON TO KNOX CO. IND. (NEAR VINNENES).

HE WAS MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS "ELIAS" KECKLEY.

(5) ELIZABETH & (6) MARY = { THESE TWO DTRS. WE STILL KNOW NOTHING ABOUT - SO, DO NOT KNOW HOW THEY SPOelled THEIR LAST NAMES, OR WHO THEY MARRIED.

(7) BENJAMIN (NONE) KECKLEY

HE WAS A REV. WAR SOLDIER

45 -

"BENJAMIN CAOKLEY"

A MEMBER OF "DAVIDSON

MORGAN'S CO. OF VIRG. RIFLE-

MEY (96). HE WAS WOUNDED

ON DEC 30 - 1775 AT THE "BATTLE

FOR QUEBEC CANAL"

"THIS 'CO.' MADE THE 'FAMOUS BEE-LINE MARCH' OF 600 MILES FROM WINCHESTER, V.B. TO BOSTON, MASS. IN 25 DAYS, OR AN AVE. OF 24 MILES PER DAY. (JULY 14 TO AUG 17th)

EVIDENTLY DIED IN DEC. 1780, AS HIS ESTATE WAS APPRAISED ON JAN. 8, 1781, VALUATION OF \$454 POUNDS, (ABOUT \$30,000⁰⁰ THEN - D.E.K.), THE SEER HELD ON JAN. 16 - 1781, ESTATE SETTLED ON OCT. 5 - 1781. ONLY HEIR, WIFE "CATHERINE", WHO BECAME "MRS. HENRY RICCARDS" BEFORE THE ESTATE WAS SETTLED. HE ONE OF THE "APPRAISORS". THE ABOVE DATA SHOWS CLEARLY WHY "BENJAMIN" WAS NOT MENTIONED IN HIS FATHER'S WILL - MADE ON AUG 15 - 1781. HE HAD DIED ABOUT 8+ MONTHS PRIOR, AND LEFT NO "HEIRS" - EXCEPT - HIS WIFE CATHERINE. SRS. WILL PROBATED ON OCT. 6 - 1781. IN BOOK 5 PP 277, WINCHESTER, VIRG. EXECUTORS WERE HIS DEAR WIFE (NOT NAMED) & SON "ELIAS". THE SETTLEMENT OF HIS ESTATE WAS DELAYED, EVIDENTLY BECAUSE "MRS. ANCE KECKLEY" (HIS WIFE) DID NOT "OATHEN".

This will give you a good general idea of Gen No. 1 - and the THREE different SPELLINGS OF THE ORIGINAL FAMILY NAME, which the "Historians" ARE SURE WAS NOT INTENTIONAL - but due to "CIRCUMSTANCES". Caused by three "German Boys" pronunciation of their last name. A German Army's pronounce an "E" as if it was a long or broad "A" in English, therefore, they pronounced their names "KACKLEY". If a German wrote it down they would spell it "KECKLEY", but others would spell it either "Kackley" or "CAKLEY" - both pronounced the same. Therefore - as three German Boys eventually owned "tangible property", the documents were frequently made out WRONG, and when they disposed of that property they were compelled to use the way spelled names - which furnished three way spelled names. In the middle 1700's it was more important to "till the soil" to make a living - than it was - to worry about the "Spelling of your name" - therefore - 2 sons (1) John & (2) Elias became "Kackley", 1 son (3) Valentine became "CAKLEY", and 2 sons remained "KECKLEY" (1) Jacob & (2) Benjamin), although "Benjamin" was frequently called a "Kackley".

Now, you are probably wondering HOW I fit into this "Picture" - Well, I am, so to speak - a "LOST KECKLEY, who can NOT FIND HIS FLOCK". After 5 1/2 years searching, I am unable to trace my Ancestors farther back than my Gr. Gr. Father, namely, "John Keckley" (1807-75) who was born "Someplace" in Virginia - his parents names still unknown to me & Historians. He migrated to Greene Co. Penn., where on 8-21-1821 he married "Christina Beckenbaugh" (1805-1893) - In 1824 they migrated on "horseback" to near Utica, Licking Co. Ohio, where he bought 111 acres of timberland - built a "log-cabin" and began clearing the land & raising his family of 6 sons & 2 dtrs. - (7) James Leander ("KEE") Ke. was my gr. father, (born)

(1837-1904) in 1856, Pickens Co. Ohio, he mar. "Amy (name) Harker" (1839-1900) that fall they migrated via "Covered Wagon", with a heaver & 7 men. Columbus K. & wife to near Bloomington, McLean Co. Ill., where they settled on a farm - they had 7 sons & 2 dts - (1) John Wesley K. my father - (1860-1919) mar. 1884 - "Eymosa FREDERICA WHITE" (lost that name - if you can) in McLean Co. Ill. (1866 - still living here in 1921, age - past 91 years) - they had 1 son & 1 dt - (1) DOVONAL KERRY, the writer - b. 1-18-1886, mar. 6-16-1917 Winchester, Tenn, "Amy Helen Sims" b. 8-13-1890 Jasper Co. Ill. - both living - no children. The wife a "Stroke Victim" - blood clot Mar. 1949 - left side affected - still in a "wheel-chair", and will be the balance of her days there.

"Public Records" in the Virginias are scarce articles - some due to the ravages of these wars - "Tomb, 1817 and Civil". Just marriage records in Frederick Co. Va. in 1784 - too late to "catch" any of the 7 children of Gen. No. 1 of Jacob K. SR. Deaths 1784 or 86 yrs. later - Births 1896 or 114 yrs later than marriage.

I am wondering if you have heard about the two books on W. Va. Land Grants, assessments etc. that has recently been published by the State Auditor "Edgar B. Sims". One the "making of a State" 9x12" printed in 12 pt type, bound in blue & green Buckram - 713 pages - covering items from 1739 to 1953. Copies of Land Grants to Geo. Washington, a few of his officers and soldiers, and other individuals by the "Crown of England" and the Commonwealth of Virginia, and parts thereof - Price \$5.00 per copy.

The other book is the "Sims index to Land Grants in W. Virginia", of 864 pages of 50,000 names of persons to whom grants were made in the territory now W. Va., some of which date back to 1746. Price \$20.00 per copy.

I learned of the above books when I bought a modern detail map of "Hampshire & Pocahontas Co's, W. Va." from the "Dept. of Highways" at Charleston, W. Va. - and on Feb. 7th received a nice letter from State Auditor "Edgar B. Sims". In my letter I asked if any "K- Ka or Cackley's" lived in Charleston, and that I was interested in some way of finding out about Land Grants and assessment lists of these persons in Hampshire Co. from about 1760 onward - as it seems that Counties Public Records were all destroyed during the Civil War. Mr. Sims advised that he had made a brief search of the assessment Records and Grants of Hampshire Co. (their earliest records in 1784) He did not find any Grants in those names - but did find in 1801 the name of "Abraham KERRY", 127 acres. In 1816 the name is entered as "Abraham Kackley" 127 acres on "Drains of Mill Branch". No other

on the "Assessment Records" of Hampshire County earlier than 1809
do we find the names you list.

In searching our Index on Grants we find that Valentine Keckley obtained a Grant in Bath County, Va. in 1797 on Knapp's Creek. This area went into Pocahontas Co., which was formed in 1821. A search of Pocahontas Co. Land Assessment Books of 1822 (our earliest) reveals a number of "Cackley's" viz: Valentine, William, Levi, Benjamin & Joseph. (These were all sons of Valentine Sr. - D.E.K.). Pocahontas Co. was formed from Bath, Pendleton & Randolph Co.'s in 1821, but the area in which these persons appear to have owned land would be the part from Bath Co. Bath was formed from Augusta Co. in 1790. We do not find any of the names you mentioned in our City or Telephone Directories. A copy of the "Valentine Keckley" Land Grant can be made for you at a price of \$1.50. Signed - Edgar B. Sims - State Auditor.

The above info. about the land assessed to "Abraham Ka" was exactly what I was seeking - and - that info. came from NOTHING. I had understood (from the 1893 letter of Dr. Ephas Ka.) that "Abraham" Ka. died on his farm which adjoined Dr. C. Ka's father's (Joseph Ka.) at near Capon Bridge, Va. (now W. Va.) - this death was on 6-15-1849. The main reason for my present interest in "Abraham Ka's Family" is - that we now suspicious our "John Keckley (1800-72)" of Licking Co., Ohio may be a son of this (i) "Abraham Keckley", the son of (ii) "Elias Ka. Sr."

On my detail Co. Map of Hampshire Co., I locate the Stream - "Drains of Mill Branch", just to the N.E. of Capon Bridge, and on the west slopes of "Limbun Ridge" - a continuation of the "Big or Great North Mountain Range."

Now - our "Chore" is to secure a "Sumo" in Charleston, W. Va. to search the U.S. Census Records of "Blooming Township" near the "Drains of Mill Creek Branch" for the years of 1810 and 1870 of the "Abraham & Christina (Whisser) Keckley Family" to secure all the names of their children, which will show their nearest ages on these two Census years. Both Census Records are necessary, because, some shown in the 1810 Census Record by 1870 will be married, and listed elsewhere, and some shown in the 1870 Census would not be born by the time the 1810 Census was taken.

IF "Abraham Ka." had a son "John", whose age shows he would be born in 1802 - our "problem" will seem to be "SOLVED".

Of course, you know how difficult it is to secure info. by remote control (correspondence), especially 200 years back, as only a few "Cousins" will go to the Court House or the State Dept. of Health to secure detail data for the F. History - and - if you must buy these "documents" at \$1.00 per, they soon run into many hundreds (over)

of dollars - but if you try to make too many "Personal Calls" you may, like many former Historians, become a "Public Clerk". "Public Genealogists" at from \$4.00 to \$6.00 per hour also soon become quite expensive.

Mr. Campbell's asst. "Mr. Willard H. Kackley" of Byronville, Ohio, invested \$8.00 in one, which produced the following item taken from "Rev. Christian Streit's" DIARY: "FEB. 18-1788 - BURIED AT OLD FURNACE, JACOB KECKLEY, AGED 86 YEARS, FROM STAMHEIM, WORTTEMBERG. TEXT REV. 14:13".

We have known of this "Rev. C. Streit" the Lutheran Church Minister at Winchester from July 19-1785 to 1814 - as his name appears on many of the Keckley & Kackley Boys & Girls Marriage Records of that Era; and we had utmost confidence in he and his records, therefore, we feel the above "Bury Entry" is as authentic as any "Public Record". All of Jacob Keckley's sons, except Benjamin - and his wife "Alice" were living when he was buried on Feb. 18-1788 - therefore, he secured the above info. for his sermon and "Diary" - direct from the family, so, it MOST BE AUTHENTIC.

The above item to me settled 4 items for "Jacob Keckley", namely, his approx. Birth year, Death date, Nationality - and above all that his original name here in the "Colonies" WAS "KECKLEY", which I have contended for the past 5 years, although in his will the "maker" spelled it "Kackley" - which "Jacob" signed with "his mark". If he could NOT sign his own name - then - he evidently could not read either, so, he could not determine that his name WAS INCORRECTLY SPOelled.

In re - your Original Ancestor's name - I imagine that you may have discovered by now that it was "McNIEH" - German - and pronounced as "McNEEL or McNEH". And the spelling became changed by the pronunciation, the same as the "Keckley name".

In further reference to the "Rev. Streit Diary Entry" - I feel that this "Diary" would disclose many items that the Frederick & Hampshire County Public Records did not yet show - and that it would be foolish to pay this "Public Genealogist" \$8.00 every time we suspected an "item" might be found in it - so - why not try to locate that "Diary".

So, I wrote the present Minister of the Winchester Lutheran Church, and learned that the Church Trustees had published in 1954 a book entitled "THIS HERITAGE", which included the "Rev. Streit Diary" (Singular), obtainable at \$4.00 per copy. So, I sent check and had a copy within a week. The "Diary" covered 43 pages - but - began

on July 19-1785, and ended abruptly on Nov. 28-1788 - not even completing the year 1788 - a coverage of about $3\frac{1}{3}$ years ONLY. Very disappointing, as I anticipated "Diaries" covering possibly 40 or 50 years. Only two "KECKLEY" items appeared, namely, the burial of Just SR, and the election on Dec. 15-1787 of "Ellis Keckley" as a Reformed Deacon of the "Old Furnace Church". No other "Keckley" names appeared in the 396 page Book, namely, "Harry B." as Elder 1922-25 and Financial Secy. 1915 - at Winchester, and "Frank" as a Confirmed member in the Dec 31-1953 listing.

And during the $3\frac{1}{3}$ years of the "Diary" Rev. Street gave 386 Sermons, 129 baptisms, 163 Confirmations, had 157 Marriage Ceremonies & 43 Funerals. But not a single marriage of a "Keckley or a Kackley". He also preached at many other Lutheran Churches in that Section - also 3 times at Phila, Penn., one at Lancaster, Penn., Hagerstown, Md. & Sunnyside. These trips were all made on "hurdocks" - took one week to ride to Phila., or two weeks per sermon. He came to Lancaster Penn. "Rev. C. Street" died in Winchester on 3-10-1814. Served there 1785-1794 & 1804-1812 = 18 years, and at Middletown New Woodstock 1795-1803 or 9 years - a total of 27 years in "The Valley of Virginia". He died at age of 67 years 9 mos. & 3 days. If you are a "Lutheran" - the book "This Heritage" would be very interesting to you, as it covers the founding of the Lutheran Churches in Virginia.

If you are interested in W. Virg., write "Edgar B. Sims" State Auditor W. Virg., Charleston, W. Va., for a copy of his circular on his "Books" - and copies of the "Map of present W. Va. as of 1738 - and as of 1780," which will give you an excellent idea of the Section you were born in, and for .25¢ you may obtain a very detail map of Pocahontas Co. W. Va., which even shows all farm residences.

Since Auditor Sims last name is the same as my wife's "maiden" name - I am "playing a few cards" with her - for some additional info. in "Hampshire County", because, the records at Romney now date back to only 1865 - prior ones destroyed during "Civil War" - he seems very accommodating - so - to further the sale of his "Books" - I may get some "extra favors".

I have not yet asked "Bill" to pinpoint the two "mills" built by Valentine Cacoley SR. - are they on the small stream that flows thru Millpoint and empties into the "Greenbrier River" about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles away, or on the Greenbrier? I have assumed that neither are now being operated. The detail Co. Map published by the State shows "Saw Mills", but no "Grist Mills" - a "Seasonal Industry" is shown at "Millpoint", also a Business Building, 6 Farm Homes, and one home house - and nearby 2 farm homes and one home house. "Bill" tells me the population is 1515 persons.

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For the past 18 months I have been "processing" a Branch of (1) Abraham Kacaley's son (18?) Hamilton Jefferson ("JERRY") and Margaret ("PEGGY". PARSON Kacaley) who came from Hampshire Co. Va., in 1855 to Coles County, Ill., they never wrote to any of their living relatives, so they were lost for 100 years, or until I located a descendant's Branch at Charleston, Ill., through a death notice published in our local newspaper in Sep. 1955. There were 10 children in this "Jerry & Peggy K." family, however, the ones I contacted only knew of 6 - and I had come to Coles Co. with their parents - or rather I and one born there later on. No one knew these children's parents' names, when or where they died. But, from this meager beginning I have now contacted all 8 Ill. Bchs., except one dr. who may have died "Single" - none knew of her. I have not had time to secure "Leads" - but I believe these Bchs. now total more than 600 descendants. They are now scattered over, Ill., Ind., Ohio, Fla., Mo., Kans., Iowa, Colo., and Calif.

The "original Charleston Ill. Story" was that the parents both died suddenly of Cholera leaving these 6 orphans - their "John" then only 3 years old - this was supposed to be shortly after they came to Coles Co. Ill. - No one knew where any of the other Bchs. descendants were now living - or very little of ANYWHERE. I then got busy and procured the 1850 U.S. Census of the family in Hampshire Co. Va., then later on the 1860 " " " " " " " " then Cumberland Co. Ill. - the two Census Reports gave me the names of all 10 children, and their nearest ages on those two years, which both checked "O.K." - I learned, eventually that one son (5) Joba Sine K. served in the "Civil War", so, secured his data from the "Archivist of Ill. State Library", Springfield, Ill., and learned he was entered as "Joab or Jacob CRACKLEY", and that in the same Co. & Regiment there was an "Elias J. CRACKLEY", whom they stated showed the same in all respects, except for name.

After I secured the two "Census Reports" - it was easy to "dope out" that "Elias J. Crackley" - was "Elias James Kacaley". More evidence of carelessness in listing "Civil War Soldiers" - fully 5040 were WRONGLY listed. I then secured his record from Springfield, and it was NOT the SAME as his brother "Joba Sine's", as he served all thru the War - and Elias J. died of a disease at Nashville, Tenn. on Feb. 17, 1864 - and is buried in the "Nat'l. Cemetery" at nearby Madison, Tenn. - A request is now in Wash., D.C. for what detail data they may have - as to exact b. date, and his marital status. So, I am "happily" on this item.

Admission - on a Bch. of 10 Children - there are a few that "buca" giving their Bch. data - and - when other Bch. can No. 1 give their data - you are forced to seek "Public Records" - and if not convenient to "View", you must buy them, which soon runs into many dollars extra expense.

To save expenses, I plan to soon go to Charleston, S.C., and have them "dig" the dusty Birth & Death record books for me to peruse, beginning with No. 1 - and on the Marriage Books - from about 1860 onward. This will involve probably two or three days time - but will save about \$100.00 in "fees" for Certified Records. Before this trip - I plan to go to Springfield, and search the "1865 State Census" "micro-film records" (with a good magnifying glass), to help determine if the parents were then still living - if not - then I will know they died sometime between Aug 4 - 1860 (Census taking date), and the date the State Census taken in 1865 - I must search in both Counties of "Coles & Cumberland" to determine this. Then somehow I must learn their approx. death dates, and try to find their burial place in some rural cemetery - a tough job.

Most "Historians" take what is sent them, and leave the "Stubborn" branch go - but that makes a very poor "J. History" - So, I make every effort possible to complete every branch 100% - IF they do not take too much money to complete.

By the way - can you furnish me the names and address of any of the descendants of - (6) "Joseph & Susan (McClure) Co." and (7) "Benjamin & Fanny (McKeever) Cackley" who migrated to Jackson Co. Ohio? - We have been unable to locate any of these branches.

I also note you quote "Thomas Hill's" wife as Ann Cackley - we have her recorded as "ANNE". Are we WRONG?

I also have the name cards of "Willa Belle Cackley", 1315 East 62nd. Terrace, Kansas City, Mo. - how many written by - where does she "fit in the Cackley Bch."?

The answers to the above 3 questions, I would like to "relay" to "Mr. Finley B. Campbell", who is processing the "Cackley Branches".

Well, I must confess that this letter has run into a "book" whereas, I only intended to write 2 or 3 pages - so - I must beg your pardon. Probably much of this "Cackley & Kackley" data will not interest you too much - but - while I was writing, I thought you would be interested in the first generation, so as to build up to your ancestor "(3) Valentine (none) Cackley SR."

Mr. Campbell is a farmer "Justice of the Peace", and still (over)

does considerable "Federal and Ohio State Income Tax work" at his home - and now is his busy season, so, if you write him it might be a little time before you hear from him - so - do not despair. And, in the meantime - if you would like to look over my data - almost any time will be suitable - as I put in about 10 hours daily on this F. History work - letters come in almost daily from the hundreds of contacts I am making - but - you better give me a few days advance notice, as soon in a great while we are away from home. Our over night accommodations are usually not too good, as we rent out all spare rooms to make room, but, of course, now and then we do have a "Vacancy", where we can accommodate you - so send and bring the "Mrs.", as she and the wife can "hangab" while you & I do the History work.

So, with this, I will bring this lengthy letter to a close, write when it may be convenient - and if you have any questions - give them to me - and I will do my best to answer them.

Very truly yours,

A. Earl Heckley,
938 - Wash Wood St.,
Decatur, Illinois

(Letter No. 1632.)

(Reading time 1 hr.)

P.S. -

When you reply - the "Questions" are marked x in left margin, so as to save rereading the whole letter.

A. E. H.

Decatur, Illinois
March 24, 1957

Dr. John O. McNeel
1127 Pine Street
St. Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Dr. McNeel:

Your letter of the 22nd inst. arrived this a. m., in re: the postoffice of Millpoint, W. Va., originally Cackleytown, and same inquiry concerning the Cackley Family.

You seem to have settled at least the time that Millpoint, Virg., (now W. Va.) became a U. S. Post Office, however, the name of the town could have been changed earlier than the date the P. O. was established.

I have a copy of a letter ~~written~~ written on Feb. 6, 1893 by Dr. Cephus Kackley Maysville, Ky., to Wm. H. Cackley, of Ronceverte, W. Va., (this Wm. H. C. the son (8) Valentine Cackley, Jr., not the Wm. H. Ca of near Millpoint) in which he was seeking info. about the Virg. Cackleys - and his letter contained the following paragraph - "~~Examine the list of~~ In a list of battle skirmishes in Va. I find the name Cackleytown. I could not find such a postoffice. Where is it? I think Wm. Cackley spoke of the place when at father's."

Of course this has reference to Civil War skirmishes and this would be thirty years after the date the P. O. Dept. Records show that the town was Millpoint. (1865 less 1835=30 years). However between 1862 and 1865 the residents and the Civil War soldiers and correspondents evidently still called the little village Cackleytown. The above listed 1893 letter was where I conceived the idea that Cackleytown did not become Millpoint until the latter part of the Civil War, or later. The above named Dr. Cephus Kackley was of the 4th generation, a son of (4) Joseph (none) and Elizabeth (Turner) Ka., and he a son of (4) Elias (none) Kackley, Sr., a son of Jacob Keckley, Sr. (1701-1788), or Gen. No. 1.

You ask the privilege to look over my Cackley data at some time and that Bill Cackley may have given me much of this material. Bill had sent no data, until a letter came on Mch. 22nd, in which he sent Info. for his branch, his parents, grandparents, and grat grd. parents (Gen. No. 3) of Levi (none), Sr., and Nancy (none) Bradshaw Cackley. He sent no data, not even names for his grandfather (5 Wm. James Ca.), 3 brothers and two sisters,

I note that you are compiling a History of the McNeel Family, therefore, I am wondering how far back you may know about the original Keckley ancestors, who came to the colonies and if you know about the three spellings of the original family name of - Keckley -- namely - Keckley, Kackley & Cackley.

Before I forget it - you are welcome to come look over my Keckley Family History Data, at any time it may suit your convenience - however - I wish to state that my "Cackley Branches" data IS LIMITED, as I personally have contacted none of the "Cackley Branches" - I ran onto Bill in a rather peculiar manner. I wrote the Assoc. of Commerce at Millpoint not then knowing it was such a small village - my letter was sent to the Prison Camp - then relayed to Wm. H. Cackley of the Twin Oakes Farm - and he replied - my inquiry concerned the date that Cackleytown became Millpoint - and Bill did not know.

I will explain a little more about the Keckley F. History, processioning of data. It looks like we will not be compiling for 20 or 30 years yet. There are at present 3 Historians and a General Genealogist - so engaged. I have been working on this history for only about 5½ years. The Gen'l Genealogist about 8 years - at present we have catalogued probably over 9,000 ancestors and descendants. I alone - have added over 4,000 in my 5½ years, or almost ½ of our total.

I put in about 3 years on the Keckley Bchs. ONLY, and while doing so - ran into a Kackley Bch. out in Nebraska, who changed his last name to Keckley - and at that time he had 8 children, ranging in age from 6 to 22 years - and they all became Keckley(s) without any legal procedure EXCEPT HIS oldest son who applied

with his father. This instance threw me into processing "Kackley" Branches - before - I was ready to do so - therefore, for the past 2½ years + - I have been "processing" Kackley Branches.

Our "Gen'l Genealogist" - "Mr. Finley B. Campbell" of Pleasant City, Ohio - has been "processing" mostly - "Cackley" Branches, therefore, he has MORE "CAKLEY" detail data than we other 3 "Historians" - though - we all do know about what work each of us four are doing.

I have, I would roughly say - probably 300 "Cackley" names, beginning with Gen. No. 2 of "Valentine and Mary (Frye) Cackley" and their 6 sons and 4 daughters - names only - no dates - on the 3rd Gen's - I have a few dates - but from the 4th Gen. onward on some of the Bchs. I do have both names and dates. Mr. Campbell, I am sure has much more "Cackley data" than he has sent me.

We four "Historians" searched for some 8 years to finally PROVE that the ORIGINAL name here in the "Colonies" was "Keckley" but - we still can Not locate the leading record of the 1st Gen'm. of "Jacob Keckley, Sr." - He evidently came here in the late 1720's or early 1730's. Which IS too early for the first "ship loading records" at Phila., Penn., shown in "Rupp's Thirty Thousand names", which includes the Immigrants in Penn. from 1727 to 1776, or 50 years.

Possibly you have, or have heard of the "article" entitled - "The Cackleys" published by the "Hon. Charles B. Johnson" of Clarksburg, W. Virg. In the "Marlinton Pocahontas Times" of Feb. 28, 1946. If you do have it - "throw it into the waste-basket" as it is the most "in-informative bunch of 'Info.'" lore handed to the many - "Cackley, Kackley and Keckley Cousins" that we know of. It is practically ALL based on "Theory." And that "Article" was "clipped" by many of our Virg. Cousins and "circulated" all over the various states. We Historians now call this "Honorable Chas. B. Johnson" the "Honery" C. B. J.

He is a descendant from the 1) "John Kackley, Sr., Bch.," thru his daughter (8) Hannah (ka) Johnson; (1) John Ka. Johnson; (?) Wm. James Johnson - then the (?) Hon. Chas. B. Johnson, Gen. No. 6, of Clarksburg (an attorney).

In his article "The Cackleys" - he sets up the French Family of "Sebastian Caquelin" as our original ancestor - this French name is pronounced in French as if spelled Cackelie. They sailed from Rotterdam, Holland, in the "Princess Augusta" with Samuel Marchant as "Master", PALATINES with their families, in all 330 persons, they touched Cowes, England, for clearance, and docked at Phila., Penn., as vessel No. A-2, on Sept. 16, 1736. At that time the "Ship-lists" only showed the "male passengers" from 16 yrs. upward. The women were carried as "Freights", the children as "Half-Freights." At that time - three "ship-lists" were made - two, the males 16 & upward signed, one to foreswear allegiance to the "King of England" - the other to take oaths to the "Penn. Colonial British Government" - If - you intended to live in that British Colony of Penn. The "third ship-list" was prepared by the ship's "Master", in this case "Samuel Marchant" - he - or some sub-officer - made this list in their own hand-writing - spelling the names as they understood the pronunciations. And on this Master's Ship-lists these "Caquelin" names were spelled "Cackelie" - on the two lists they signed - they plainly spelled their names "Caquelin" - a very few of these names can be deciphered. I

The "Master's" list showed 120 males, ~~x~~ 16 & upwards - less 2 deceased - leaves 118 - but - only 112 signed the other two lists - so 6 evidently went to other colonies to settle.

A distant relative of "Chas. B. Johnson" - "Mrs. W. E. Collins" thru (1) John Ka., Sr. dtr. (1) Rachel (Ka) (Yoe) now Yost, and others= She Gen. No. 6* was C. B. Johnson "source" for ~~his~~ he to use his "theory" = and she actually believed the "Caquelins" were our original ancestors. I will relate more of "Mrs. W. E. Collins" later on.

I could not see these "Caquelins" as our original ancestors for three reasons= FIRST - because I felt sure we were NOT FRENCH; SECOND - none of the names of "Sebastian", Diderich or Jean ever appeared in the Jacob Keckley, Sr., Branch, or any of his children, or grand children's Bchs.; THIRDLY - his namesake, Jacob, Jr., spelled his name KECKLEY, as did his 5 children.

Therefore, when I had a little spare time in 1953, I began a search in Penn. to either PROVE or DISAPPROVE these "Caquelins" as our ancestors (original). In about 4 mos. time by correspondence, I PROVED (thru the Caquelin Family Gen. Genealogist, Mr. Henry S. Cacklin, Dillsburg, Penn.) that the Caquelin's were not even a "LINEAGE" by any of Sebastian's Sr. 7 children marrying into either a "Ke - Ka or Cackley" Family. If I could have contacted this "Henry S. ~~Cackley~~ Cocklin" at first - 10 days was all I would have needed to PROVE them not even a "Lineage."

The "British Anglicising Law" of 1718 in the "Colony of Penn." finally caught up with the Caquelin Family in its third generation in Penn. or in about 1760, when they became = Cockley - Gockley & Cocklin (s)."

Now, about "Mrs. W. E. Collins" - she was not what I would call a "Historian" - but - she was searching for an ancestor who was a Rev. War Soldier" - so - she could become a "D. A. R." She traced down - "Kackley - Whiteman - Tribby - Yost - Barnes (2 Bchs.) and Collins." She knew that (1) John Kackley, sr WAS a Rev. War Soldier" - But she could not find his record in either Frederick or Hampshire Counties - so, as she believed the Caquelins were an original ancestors - and that in the 1700's boundry lines were quite indefinite - she went up into Lancaster and Cumberland Co's., Penn., and took a John COCKLEY (actually Jean Caquelin) who was shown as, a= "Private in Cumberland Co. Militia, 3rd Battalion in 1781" and she added - "and Lancaster Co., Penn". He - probably never fired a gun at any-body in the Rev. War - as the peace treaty was signed in 1781.

She engineered" her lineage this way: Emma Barnes Collins, dtr. of Sarah M. Tribble Collins, dtr. of Francis Yost Tribble, dtr. of Rachel Cackley (actually Kackley - D. E. K.) Yost, dtr. of John Cockley and the said John Kackley a son of Jacob Kackley (actually Keckley - D. E. K.) To support this "John Cockley" under "ancestor's services" she brought in: an archivist, Penn. State Library; French Huguenots; Sebastian Coquelin, his sons Sebastian (he died and never reached Penn. - D. E. K.), Dietrich and Jean; Anna May Gogley - a member Penn. Huguenot Soc., from "Jean"; John Cocley, owner of grist mills near Winchester, Va.; who was one of four brothers who operated mills near Capon Springs, Va.; about 1812 (was 1817 - D. E. K.) John Kackley (Keckley- Cocley - Cackley) came to Guernsey Co., Ohio from Winchester, Va. The name is also spelled "Gogley - Keeley - Kuechele - Kochlein - Gockley."

This was sure a "master-piece of-deceit" - but she became a "D. A. R."

After - 3 yrs. searching - I secured her "Old Stell Bread Box" full of letters, papers, notes, etc. - which she accumulated in about 35 years searching - it was at my home about 2½ years - (just picked up - 2 mos. ago). A copy of the 1893 letter (two of them) by Dr. Cephus Kackley - was found in that "Old Bread Box". I also copied in long hand, two copies each of over 50 letters which I felt had "possibilities". The two "Dr. Cephus Ka." letters were worth more than all the others located.

He was a descendant of (4) Elias Ka., Sr., more commonly known as "Ellis", through his son (4) Joseph & Elizabeth (Turner) Ka., then (3) Dr. Cephus Kackley (Gen. No. 4). Through these two letters of Dr. Cephus Ka's, in the past 2 years we have contacted descendants of about all of (4) Elias Ka. Sr's, 12 children, whereas before that we had only contacted about 5 of them.

Probably I better give you the data, as we now have it for Generation No. 1, of Jacob Keckley, Sr., who migrated from Lancaster Co., Penn., in 1741 to the Valley of Virg." (now the Shenandoah Valley) and settled in what is now Frederick County. Here he secured approx. 2,000 acres of land and operated a "Plantation" for about 47 years or until his death in 1788. Have you ever learned where this plantation was located?

Gen. No. 1 = Keckley Family History

Jacob (none) Keckley, Sr. B. _____ 1701 or 1702 In Stanheim, Wurttemberg, Germany
D. Feb. 15 or 16, 1788 In Frederick County, Virg.
Brd. Feb. 18, 1788 in Old Furnace Cemetery, now St. Johns Church and Cemetery, located about 2 mi. west of Mount Williams, on State Route No. 600.
Mar'd about 1740 in Lancaster, Penn., we believe - to
Alice _____ B. _____, 1717; D. _____, 1805, in Frederick Co., Virg.
Brd. St. Johns Cemetery.

CHILDREN

- (1) John (none) Kackley, Sr. B. 7-30-1741, Lancaster Co., Penn. D. 4-23-1823
wife Elizabeth Whiteman Guernsey Co., Ohio, now in Noble Co., 2½ miles so. east of Pleasant City, Guernsey Co, Ohio.
He has 3 sons & 5 dtrs. - Most of them lived in Guernsey Co., Ohio. He was a Rev. War Soldier. Bdr'd in C. S. Rich Cemetery, S. E. of Pleasant City, Ohio
- (2) Jacob (none) Kackley, Jr. No birth or death data. Mar'd Margaret Secrist.
Has 2 sons & 3 dtrs. Inherited the home plantation. In 1788, died intestate only a few years later. Estate evidently held intact by wife, Margaret, as no records can be found.
- (3) Valentine (none) Cackley Sr. No birth or death dates. - Mar'd. Mary (none) Frye of Capon Springs, Va. Evidently a dtr. of the early pioneers, Abraham and Agnes Frye, of Frederick Co., Virg., and grd.dtr. of Benjamin Frye (died in Fredk. Co. in 1753).
This Frye family came from Montgomery Co., Penn., in about 1738 and settled on Cedar Creek. In about 1788 Valentine Ca., Sr., migrated to what is now Pocahontas Co., W. Va. At that

time was Greenbrier Co., He settled at what is now Millpoint, W. Va., which he established as Cackleytown. Here he built a modern mill for that time; projected a tannery, started a tilt-hammer and a general store. He also promoted & encouraged other useful industries in that section. And accrued a vast landed estate. He had 6 sons & 4 dtrs.

- (4) Elias (none) Kackley, Sr. No birth date; d - about 1818 in Frederick Co., Virg., where he lived his entire life. He was more commonly known as "Ellis" Kackley. Mr'd Catherine _____, evidently in Frederick Co., Va. They had 8 sons & 8 dtrs., one son, Benjamin, died at an early age. Their first 5 children remained in Virg. Also
- (8) Elias, Jr., who mar'd & died at a fairly young age. The other children came to Gurnsey Co., Ohio to reside, & (7) Jacob & Sarah Snapp to Ky. - then to Knox Co., Ind. (near Vincennes).
- (5) Elizabeth & (6) Mary These two dtrs. we still know nothing about - so, do not know how they spelled their last names, or whom they married.
- (7) Benjamin (none) Kackley Evidently died in Dec. 1780, as his estate was appraised on Jan. 8, 1781, valuation 5954 pounds (about \$30,000.00 then - D. E. K.). The sale held on the 16 Jan. 1781, estate settled on Oct. 5, 1781. Only heir, wife, Catherine, who became Mrs. Henry Richaros, before the estate was settled. He was one of the Appraisors. The above data shows clearly why Benjamin was not mentioned in his father's will - made on Aug. 1, 1781. He had died about 8+ months prior, and left no heirs, except his wife, Catherine. Srs. will probated on Oct. 6, 1789, in book 5, pp. 228, Winchester, Virg. Executors were his dear wife (not named) & son, Elias. The settlement of his estate was delayed, evidently because, Mrs. Alice Keckley (his wife), did not qualify.

This will give you a good general idea of Gen. No. 1 - and the ~~three~~ different spellings of the original family name, which we "Historians" are SURE was not intentional - but due to "circumstances" - caused by these "German Boys" pronunciation of their last name. A German always pronounces an "E" as if it was a long or broad "A" in English, therefore, they pronounced their names "Kackley." If a German wrote it down they would spell it "Keckley", but others would spell it either "Kackley" or "Cackley" - both pronounced the same. Therefore - as these German Boys eventually owned "tangible property" / the documents were frequently made out WRONGLY, and when they disposed of that property they were compelled to use these wrong spelled names - which furthered these wrong spelled names. In the middle 1700's it was more important to "till the soil" to make a living - than it was - to worry about the "spelling of your name" - therefore - 2 sons ((1) John & (4) Elias) became "Kackley", 1 son (3) Valentine became "Cackley", and 2 sons remained "Keckley" (s) ((2) Jacob, jr & (7) Benjamin), although "Benjamin" was frequently called a "Cackley".

Now, you are probably wondering How I fit into this "Picture" - Well, I am, so to speak - a "Lost Keckley, who can not find his flock". After 5½ years searching, I am unable to trace my ancestors farther back than my grt. grd. father, namely, "John Keckley" (1802-75) who was born "someplace" in Virginia - his parents names still unknown to we 4 H storians. He migrated to Greene Co., Penn., where on 8-21-1821 he mar'd "Christina Beckenbaugh" (1805-1893). In 1824 they migrated on "horseback" to near Uttica, Licking Co., Ohio, where he

bought 111 acres of timberland - built a "log-abin" and began clearing the land & raising his family of 6 sons & 2 dtrs. (7) James Leander ("Lee") Ke. was my grd. father., (1837-1904) in 1856, Licking Co., Ohio, he mrd. Amy (none) Hauck (1839-1900), that fall they migrated via "covered wagon" with a brother (4) Wm. Columbus Ke. & wife to near Bloomington, McLean Co., Ill., where they settled on a farm - they had - 2 sons & 2 dtrs. (1) John Wesley Ke., my father, (1860-1919) mrd. 1884 - Cymsea Frederica White (beat that name - if you can) in McLean Co., Ill. (1866 - still living here in Decatur, age - past 91 years) - they had 1 son & 1 dtr. - (1) David Earl Keckley, the writer - b. 1-18-1886, mrd. 6-16-1917, Winchester, Ill., Amy Helen Sims, b. 8-13-1890 in Jasper Co., Ill., (they married McLean Co., Ill) - both living - no children. The wife a "stroke victim" - blood clot, Nov. 1949 - left side affected - still in a "wheel-chair" and will be the balance of her days here.

"Public Records" in the Virginia are scarce articles - some due to the ravages of three wars - Revlu., 1812 and Civil." First Mar'ge records in Frederick Co., Va., in 1782 - too late to "catch" any of the 7 children of Gen. No. 1 of Jacob Ke., Sr. Deaths 1782 or 88 years later - Births 1896 or 114 yrs. later than Mar' ages.

I am wondering if you have heard about the two books on W. Va., "Land Grants, Assessments, etc., that has recently been published by the State Auditor, Edgar B. Sims. One the "Making of a State, 9x12, printed in 12 pt. type, bound in blue & gold Buckram - 213 pages - covering items from 1738 to 1955. Copies of Land Grants to Geo. Washington, a few of his officers and soldiers, and other individuals by the "Crown of England" and the Commonwealth of Virginia, and parts thereof - price \$5.00 per copy.

The other book is the "Sims index of Land Grants ~~was made~~ in W. Virginia, of 864 pages of 50,000 names of persons to whom grants were made in the territory now W. Va., some of which date back to 1746 - price \$20.00 per copy.

I learned of the above books when I bought a modern detail map of "Hampshire & Pocahontas Counties, W. Va." from the Dept. of Highways at Charleston, W. Va. - and on Mch. 7th received a nice letter from State Auditor, Edgar B. Sims. In my letter I asked if any "Ke.= Ka. or Cackley (s) lived in Charleston, and that I was interested in some way of finding out about Land Grants and Assessors lists of these persons in Hampshire Co., from about 1760 onward - as it seems that Counties Public Records were all destroyed during the Civil War. Mr. Sims advised that he had made a breif search of the assessment records and Grants of Hampshire Co. (their earlier records in 1782). He did not find any grants in these names - but did find in 1809 the name "Abraham Kerkley," 127 acres. In 1816 the name is entered as "Abraham Kackley" 127 acres on "Drains of Mill Branch." No where on the "Assessment Records" of Hampshire County earlier than 1809 do we find the names you list.

In searching our Index on grants we find that Valentine Keckley obtained a grant in Bath County, Va., in 1797 on Knapps Creek. This area went into Pocahontas Co., which was formed in 1821. A search of Pocahontas Co., land assessment books of 1822 (our earliest) reveals a number of "Cackley(s), viz., Valentine, William, Levi, Benjamin & Joseph. (These were all sons of Valentine, Sr. - D. E. K.). Pocahontas Co., was formed from Bath, Pendleton & Randolph Cos., in 1821, but the area in which these persons appear to have owned land would be the part from Bath Co. Bath was formed from Augusta Co., in 1790. We do not find any of the names you mentioned in our City or Telephone Directories. A copy of the "Valentine Keckley" land grant can be made for you at a price of \$1.50. Signed - Edgar B. Sims, State Auditor.

The above info. about the land assessed to "Abraham Ka." was exactly what I was seeking - and - that info. cast me nothing. I had understood (from the 1893 letter of Dr. Cephus Ka.) that "Abraham" Ka. died on his farm which adjoined Dr. C. Ka's father's (Joseph Ka.) at near Capon Bridge, Va. (now W. Va.) - this death was on 6-15 1849. The main reason for my present interest in "Abraham Ka's family" IS - that we now suspicion our "John Keckley (1802-75) of Licking Co., Ohio MAY BE a son of this (1) "Abraham Kackley," the son of (4) Elias Ka., Sr.

On my detail Co. map of Hampshire Co., I locate the stream "Drains of Mill Branch," just to the N. E. of Capon Bridge, and on the west slopes of "Timber Ridge" - a continuation of the Big or Great North Mountain Range?

Now our "chore" IS to secure a "Source" in Charleston, W. Va., to search the U. S. Census Records of "Bloomery Township" near the "Drains of Mill Branch" for the years of 1810 and 1820 of the "Abraham & Christina (Whissen) Kackley Family" to secure all the names of the children, which will show their nearest ages on these two census years. Both census records are necessary, because some shown in the 1810 census record by 1820 will be mar'd and listed elsewhere, and some shown in the 1820 census would not be born by the time the 1810 census was taken.

IF "Abraham Ka." had a son "John" whose age shows he would be born in 1802 - our "problem" will seem to be "SOLVED."

Of course, you know how difficult it is to secure info. by remote control (Correspondence), especially 200 years back, as only a few "cousins" will go to the court house or the State Depts. of Health to secure detail data for the F. History - and - if you must buy these "Documents" at \$1.00 per, they soon run into many hundreds of dollars - but if you try to make too many "personal calls" you may, like many former Historians, become a "Public Charge." "Public Genealogists" at from \$4.00 to \$6.00 per hour also soon become quite expensive.

Mr. Campbell's asst. "Mr. Willard H. Kackley" of Byesville, Ohio, invested \$8.00 in one, which produced the following item taken from "Rev. Christian Streit's" Diary:="Feb. 18, 1788 - Buried AT OLD FURNACE, JACOB KECKLEY, AGED 86 YEARS, FROM STAMHEIM, WORTTEMBERG. TEXT REV. 14:13."=

We have known of this "Rev. C. Streit" the Lutheran Church Minister at Winchester from July 19, 1785 to 1812 - as his name appears on many of the Keckley & Kackley boys & girls marriage records of that ~~era~~ era, and we had utmost confidence in he and his records, therefore, we feel the above "Diary Entry" is as authentic as any "Public Record". All of Jacob Ke. Sr.'s sons, except Benjamin - and his wife "Alce" WERE living when he was buried on Feb. 18, 1788 - therefore, he secured the info. for his sermon and Diary" - direct from the family, so, it MUST BE AUTHENTIC.

The above item to me settled 4 items for "Jacob Ke. Sr.", namely, his Approx. birthyear, death date, nationality - and above all that his original name here in the "Colonies" WAS "KECKLEY", which I have contended for the past 5 years although in his will the "maker" spelled it "Kackley" - which "Jacob" signed with "his mark". If he could NOT SIGN his own name - then - he evidently could not read either, so, he could not determine that his name WAS INCORRECTLY SPELLED.

In re - your original ancestor's name - I imagine that you may have discovered by now that it was "McNIEL" - German - and pronounced as "McNeel or McNeal" and the spelling became changed by the pronunciation, the same as the Keckley name.

In further reference to the Rev. Streit Diary Entry - I felt that this "Diary" would disclose many items that the Frederick & Hampshire County Public Records did not yet show - and that it would be foolish to pay this "Prof'l Genealogist"

\$8.00 every time we suspicioned an item might be found in it - so - why not try to locate that "Diary."

So, I wrote the present minister of the Winchester Lutheran Church and learned that the church Trustees had published in 1954 a book obtainable at \$4.00 per copy. So, I sent check and had a copy within a week. The "Diary" covered 43 pages - but - began on July 19, 1785, and ended abruptly on Nov. 28, 1788 - not - even completing the year 1788 - a coverage of about 3 1/3 years ONLY. Very disappointing as I anticipated "Diaries" covering possibly 40 or so years. Only two "Keckley" items appeared, namely, the burial of Jacob, Sr., and the election on Dec. 15, 1787 of "Elias Keckley" as a Reformed Deacon of the "Old Furnace Church". Two other "Keckley" names appeared in the 396 paged Book, namely, "Harry B." as Elder 1922-25 and Financial Sec'y. 1915 at Winchester and "Frank" as a confirmed member in the Dec. 31, 1953 listing.

And during the 3 1/3 years of the "Diary" Rev. Streit gave 386 sermons, 429 baptisms, 163 confirmations, had 157 marriage ceremonies & 43 funerals, but not a single marriage of a "Keckley or a Kackley." He also preached at many other Lutheran Churches in that section - also 3 times at Phila., Penn., one at Lancaster, Penn., Hagerstown, Md., & Funkstown. These trips were all made on "horseback" - took one week to ride to Phila., or two weeks per sermon. The same to Lancaster, Penn. "Rev. C. Streit" died in Winchester on 3-10-1812. Served there 1785-1794 & 1804-1812 = 18 years, and at Millerstown, NOW Woodstock 1795-1803 or 9 years - a total of 27 years in the "Valley of Virginia". He died at age 62 years, 9 months & 3 days. If you are a "Lutheran" - the book "This Heritage" would be very interesting to you, as it covers the founding of the Lutheran Churches in Virginia.

If you are interested in W. Virg., write "Edgar B. Sims" State Auditor W. Virg., Charleston, W. Va., for a copy of his circular on his "Books - and copies of the "Map of present W. Va. as of 1738 - and as of 1780," which will give you an excellent idea of the section you were born in, and for .25¢ you may obtain a very detail map of Pocahontas Co., W. Va., which even shows all farm residences.

Since Auditor Sims last name is the same as my wife's "maiden" name - I am "playing a few cards" with he - for some additional info. in "Hampshire County", because the records at Romney now date back only to 1865 - prior one's destroyed during "Civil War" - he seems very accomodating - so - to further the sales of his "Books" - I may get some "Extra favers."

I have not yet asked "Bill" to pin-point the two "mills" built by Valentine Cackley, Sr. - are they on the small stream that flows thru Millpoint and empties into the "Greenbrier River" about 1 1/2 miles away or on the Greenbrier? I have assumed that neither are now being operated. The detail Co. Map published by the state shows "saw mills", but no "grist mills" - A "seasonal industry" is shown at "Millpoint", also a Business Building, 6 farm homes, and one home house - and nearby 2 farm homes and one home house. "Bill" tells me the population IS 15 persons.

For the past 18 months I have been "processing" a Branch of (1) Abraham Kackley's son "(8?) Hamilton Jefferson ("Jeff") and Margaret ("Peggy" - Parish) Kackley" who came from Hampshire Co., Va. in 1855 to Coles County, Ill., they never wrote to any of their Virg. Relatives, so, they were LOST for 100 years, or until I located a descendent's Branch at Charleston, Ill., through a death notice published in our local newspaper in Sept. 1955. There were 10 children in this "Jeff and Peggy Ka" family, however, the ones I contacted only knew of 6 - and 8 had come to Coles Co. with their parents - or rather 7 and one born there later on. No one knew these childrens parents names when or where they died. But, from this meager beginning I have contacted all 8 Ill. Bchs., except one dtr. who may have died "single" - none knew of her. I have not had

The "original Charleston, Ill., Story" was that the parents both died suddenly of "cholera" leaving these 6 orphans - their "John" then only 2 years old - this was supposed to be shortly after they came to Coles Co., Ill. No one knew where any of the other Behs. descendants were now living - or very little of ANYTHING. I then got busy and processed the 1850 U. S. Census of the family in Hampshire Co., Va., then later on the 1860 " " " " " ", then Cumberland Co., ~~Vax~~ Ill. - the two Census Reports gave me the names of all 10 children, and their nearest ages on those years, which both checked "o. k." I learned eventually that one son (5)" Jobe Sine Ka." served in the "Civil War", so, secured his data from the "Archivist of Ill. State Library", Spfld., Ill. and learned he was entered as "Joab or Jacob Crackley", and that in the same Co. & Regiment there was an "Elias J. Crackley", whom they stated showed the same in all respects except for names.

After I secured the two "Census Reports" - it was easy to "dope out" that Elias J. Crackley" - Was "(4) Elias James Kackley." More evidence of carelessness in listing "Civil War Soldiers" - fully 50% were WRONGLY listed. I then secured his record from Springfield and it was NOT the SAME as his brother "Jobe Sine's", as he served all through the war - and Elias J. died of a disease at Nashville, Tenn., on Feb'y 12, 1864 - and is buried in the Nat'l. Cem'tyr." at nearby Madison, Tenn. A request is now in Wash., D. C., for what detail data they may have - as to exact b. date, and his marital status. So, I am "hoping" on this item.

As usual - On a Bch. of 10 children - there are a few that "buck" giving their Bch. data - and - when other Bchs. can NOT give their data - you are faced to seek "Public Records" - and if not convenient to "View" you must buy them, which soon runs into many dollars extra expense.

To save expenses, I plan to soon go to Charleston, Ills., and have them "dig out" the dusty birth & death record books for me to peruse, beginning with No. 1 - and on the Mar'ge books - from about 1860 onward. This will involve probably two or three days time - but will save about \$100.00 in "fees" for certified records. Before this trip - I plan to go to Springfield, and search the "1865 State Census" "micro-film - records" (with a good magnifying glass), to help determine if the parents were then still living - if not - then I will know they died sometime between Aug. 4, 1860 (census taking date), and the date of the state census taken in 1865. I must search in both counties of "Coles & Cumberland" to determine this. Then some way I must learn their approx. death dates and try to find their burial place in some rural cemetery - a tough job.

Most "Historians" take what is sent them, and leave the "stubborn" branch go - but that makes a very poor "F. History" - so, I make every effort possible to complete every branch 100% - IF they do not take too much money to complete.

By the way - can you furnish me the names and addresses of any of the descendants of - (6) "Joseph & Susan (McClure) Ca." and (7) "Benjamin & Fanny (McKeever) Cackley" who migrated to Jackson Co., Ohio ? We have been unable to locate any of these branches.

I also note that you quote "Thomas Hill's" wife as Ann Cackley. We have her recorded as "Anne". Are we wrong?

I also have the name & ads. of "Willa Beale Cackley", 1315 East 6240 Terrace, Kansas City, Mo., - have never written her - where does she fit in the Cackley Bchs.?

The answers to the above 3 questions, I would like to "relay" to "Mr. Finley B. Campbell" who is processing the Cackley Branches.

Well, I must confess that this letter has ran into a "book", whereas, I only intended to write 2 or 3 pages - so - I must beg your pardon. Probably much of this "Keckley & Kackley" data will not interest you too much. - but - while I was writing, I thought you would be interested in the First Generation, so as to build up to your answer "(3) Valentine (none) Cackley, Sr."

Mr. Campbell IS a farmer "Justice of the Peace," and still does considerable "Federal and Ohio State Income Tax Work" at his home - and now is his busy season, so, if you write him it might be a little time before you hear from him - so - do not despair. And, in the meantime - if you would like to come to look over my data - almost any time will be suitable - as I put in about 10 hours daily on this F. History work - letters come in almost daily from the hundreds of contacts I am making -but - you better give me a few days advance notice, as once in a great while we are away from home. Our over-night accommodations are usually not too good, as we rent out all spare rooms to male roomers, but of course, now and then we do have a "vacancy" where we can accomodate you - be sure and bring the "Mrs.", as she and the wife can "confab" while you & I do the History work.

So, with this, I will bring this lengthy letter to a close, write when it may be convenient - and if you have any questions - fire them to me - and I will do my best to answer them.

Yours very truly,
s/ D. Earl Keckley
938 West Wood St.
Decatur, Illinois

Letter No. 1632
(Reading time 1 hr.)

P. S.:-

When you reply - the "questions" are marked ** in left margin, so as to save re-reading the whole letter.

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Poc.
Co.

Jasper Enoch Friel

B 1856
D. Dec 1933

Mother - Hannah
Gr. Mother - Jane
McCollum

Married

Martha Jane Slayton

B. Oct 1 1860
D. Aug 1932

Father - William Slayton

In
March 1878.

- Children
1. Susan Elizabeth - Dec. 1878.
 2. Isson Elmer - Dec 1880. - died Oct 1883 of burns
 3. Hannah Jane - June 1883
 4. Quincey 1886
 5. Ellis 1888 - In 1st W. War.
 6. Decie Mae May 1891 died June 1974 - Bur Vermillion, Oh.
 7. Alpha 1893
 8. Effie Carrie 1896.
 9. Ethel Olive 1900 died 1972. Bur. Vermillion, Oh.

1. Susan married 4-4-1900 John Silas Kennedy
Lived at Clover lick

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| a. Jasper | G Viola |
| b. Dallas | H. Violet |
| c Della | I ? |
| d Leona | |
| e Gladys | |
| f Goldie | |

2. Hannah Jane married. Thomas Dudley. 8-17-1903.
2nd marriage to a Mr. Jenkins

a. Sylvia

4. Quincey married Ruth Kiern

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| a. Sadie | d. Martha |
| b. Isabelle | e. Delma Ruby - died at 5 wks. |
| c Lloyd. | f. Lois |

5. Ellis married Florina ?

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| a Bertha | e. Arnold. |
| b Odie | f ? |
| c Olive | |
| d. Olney | |

6. Decie Mae married Lonnie Waugh Dec 1906.

1908 a. Leland. 2nd marriage to Charles Harris 1916
1916 b. Martha Lee
1922 c. Kettie
d. Floyd - 1928

7. Alpha married Benj Keirn.

G. Roy
b. Elmer.

8. Effie married Charles Christian. Lived in Marlinton

a. Hazel

b. Leie

c. Raymond. Charles

d. Carlton Dempsey
e. Earl Richard

9. Ethel Olive married Roy Taylor. Lived in Charlestown W. Va.
+ Lorain, Oh.
a. Richard

Leland Waugh B 1908 D 1932.

Martha L. Harris Ward B. 1916 D. 1965 Bur. Vermillion, O.

Children Christine B. 1946 died 1960. - Vermillion, O.
Jenny B. 1950
David B. 1955

Martha graduated from Bowling Green Univ - Taught elem. school
Katherine grad. from Capital City School of Nursing - Wash. D.C.
Floyd. Grad from Ohio Univ. + Tennessee Law School
Common Pleas Judge in Lorain County, Ohio

Jasper Friel farmed 396 acres near Marlinton - Clawson
Steward in Methodist Ch for many yrs.
Operated a grocery store - I have one of his
Ledgers.
Farm divided between Quincey + Ellis Friel.

In Oct 1899 David Graham then in his 79th year wrote a book about his Great Grand father John Graham Sr who came to Va .in the Year of 1730 or 40.

The records in this book were obtained from reccords and not from tra^adition.

The Grahams were of pure Scotch -Irish ancestry. They came from Donegal and Londonderry Co. Ulster Ireland . Their religion had caused them to leave Scotland about the time of King James the 1st.

Richard Graham, known as Viscount Preston, held the position of Secretary of State of Scotland Under King James 1685 . The King put great trust in his judgment so History tells us . As leader of the House of Commons he counceiled the King to reassemble the House of Parliment and to settle their differences concerning Church and State. Hr was made Lord Lieutenant for the Counties of Cumberland and Westmorland.

Richard Graham was on the Council of Five to trans act the business of the Throne during the Kings Absence in Salisbury where he had fled in fear of his opposers.

While Graham was loyal to the King he never persecuted those who were of a different Religious belief.

James Graham of Claverhouse Vicount of Dundee was also a loyal supporter of the Stuarts to whom they were related by blood. After King James had vacated the thro eand William and Mary were crowned the Clan of Graham scattered. The Grahams and the Earl of Lennox joined forces and fought for James all to no avail however as Graham died on the field of Battle Scottish History dates the name Graham back 1000 years and it has beann been conspicuous in the annals of Scotland "From hovel to Palace in eloquence and in song ". It was a daring Graham that first broke the walls of Agricola which the Roman General had built between the friths of the

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Clyde and Forth to keep off the incursion of the north Britians the ruin is called Graham's Dyke to this day. It is a matter of history that Michael Graham settled in Paxton Township Lancaster, Pa. between 1720 and 1730 and that he was a direct decendant of the Earl of Montrose. With him were his kinsman John Graham; who settled in Augusta County; James Graham, a nephew; David Graham, who settled in Bath County, Va.; Robert, who settled at Chiswell in Wythe County. John Graham, senior of Calf Pastureriver Augusta County Va. was uncle to the three last mentioned. David Graham who settled in Bath m married Jane ^{daughter of Joseph} ~~Armstrong~~ of Augusta Co. Two children John and Joseph. Joseph married Rebbeca, daughter of Col. James Graham, emigrated to Kentucky in 1780, was a surveyor and became a very wealthy man. John also went to Kentucky and was known as Judge Graham. He married Miss Whitten of Tazewell County. Robert the brother of David and James lived in wythe County, married in Ireland, Mary Craige. In the year 1770 the sons of Mitchell Graham came to the valley of Va. from Pa. to be near their relations a number of them became noted educators one of whom was the Reverend William Graham, President of Washington and Lee Univ. for 40 years. He was a graduate of Prieten Brinceton in the same clas with Aron Burr and James Madison and Henry Lee, father to Gen Robert E. Lee. It was through his personel friendship with George Washington that Washington endowed Liberty Hall which afterwards was called Washington College.

Chalkley
Ref -
in Suit
of Joseph
to settle
a claim

John and Micheal Graham came to Pa. Paxton Twp. Lancaster Co.
~~in-1746~~ In 1746 ~~he-came~~ John Graham came to the valley of Va.
 settled in Bordens grant. The farm contained close to 1000 acres of
 land. It extended two miles on both sides of the stream. An old water
 mill which was torn down in 1898 contained a stone with the date
 1755 on it. John Graham married Elixabeth ^{Walker} ~~Cooke~~, daughter of Dr.
 Thomas Cocke, Sec. of State of Va. To them were born 4 sons and 5
 daughters. John Graham, whom we will call Senior, died in 1771, he was
 born in 1700. The children's names were as follows:

Lancelot Born
 died
 married

John born 1726 - d 1813 -
 died
 married Martha Patton
 Born
 died

James born
 died
 married 2 - 12 - 1763 -
 born
 died

Robert born
 died
 married E. Elizabeth Lockridge -
 born
 died

Jane born
 died Cal Andrew
 married a Mr. Lockridge of Augusta Co. Va.
 born
 died in Highland Co Va -

Elizabeth born
 died
 married Robert Armstrong.
 born
 died

Anne born
died
married John Kincaid
born
died

Rebecca born
died
married Joseph Robinson *P*
born
died

Florence born
died
married James Graham her cousin *son of John Graham*
born *who died 1748-*
died

The last will and testament of John Graham, Senior,
In the name of God, Amen: 29th day of July, 1771, I, John Graham,
being sick in body but of sound mind and memory, thanks to God Almighty,
and calling to remembrance the uncertain estate of this transitory
life that all flesh must yield to death when it pleasith God to call.
I do make constitute and ordain this my last will and testament in the
manner and-form followin. Revocating and annulling by these
presents, all former wills and testaments either written or by word
of mouth; this to be my last and none other.

First I recommend my soul to my Redeemer Lord and Savior, my body
to the dust. To be decently burried at the decretion of my executors
hereinafter named and appointed. As to my worldly goods which God
hath granted me; I leave and bequeath viz: To my eldest son, Lanty,
I devise and leave my plantation whereon I dwell to him and his heirs
forever; upon his allowing my beloved wife, her living off of it,
with what stock she pleases to keep. Also said Lanty is to give six
pounds to James Graham's son John and six pounds to his son John's
son John.

To my daughter, Anne, I leave thirty pounds my roan horse and a chest or drawers.

To my beloved wife Elizabeth, twenty pounds, my bay mare, two cows, and her choice of all the flocks, and all household goods plenishings.

To Jane Lockridge I leave fifteen pounds.

To Rebbecca my silver buckles. To her son John one cow.

To Robert Graham half the mill that belongs to me.

To Florence Ten pounds.

To Elizabeth ten pounds.

To my two sons Robert and John Graham ten pounds each.

To Rebecca, Lancelot Graham's daughter, ten pounds.

All the rest of the estate being left to my wife to be used and enjoyed by her; whilst unmarried, but if she marry to be equally divided between my daughters Florence, Jane, Elizabeth, and Anne; and if she never marries this property is to be left to my four daughters at her death.

I also appoint my Beloved wife Elizabeth and my son Lancelot my executors. I hereby revoke all other wills appointing and making this my last will in the eleventh year of the reign of his Majesty, Lord George King of Great Brittain, A.D. 1771.

Signed, seal, -and published, and pronounced in the
presents of

John Graham

Joseph Robinson
John Kincaid
John Armstrong

At a court for Augusta Co. Va. Nov. 19th, 1771 the last will and testament of John Graham, deceased, was proven by oath of John Kincaid and John Armstrong, two witnesses and ordered recorded.

And on the motion of Lanty and Elizabeth Graham the executors

therein named . Who made oath according to Law.

Certificate Granted them for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form and having with security entered into and acknowledged their Bond according to Law.

Teste

Wm. A. Burnette Clk.,

Elizabeth Graham was living in the Year of 1779, In that Year there is an account of her son Lancelot Graham ~~setting-th-~~ settling their executorship with the court. They paid 240 pounds 11 shillings and three pence, 1200 pounds in silver, This was the personal property besides legacies.

In addition to the bequests mentioned in the foregoing will the records of Augusta Co. show that in the year of 1763 John Graham, Senior deed to each of his three sons a large plantation on the Calf Pasture river. It is presumed that he gave each of his daughters an estate in addition that named in the will.

John Graham the Second married Martha Patton lived and died on a portion of his father's land on the Calf Pasture. He had 5 sons and 3 daughters. John Graham the Second born in 1726, died in 1815.

Martha , born

died

Their children's names were John 3rd, born

died

married P—

born

died

James

born P

died

married P—

born

died

Robert born
died
married *Margaret Kunkaid*
born
died

William born
died
married *Isabella Baskins*
born
died

Lanty born
died
married
born
died

Margaret born
died
married
born
died

Elizabeth born
died
married *Robert Bratton*
born
died

Martha born 1776
died 1832 -
married Robert Dunlap, 1800
born 1772
died 1838

They had Robert Dunlap who married Miss McCutcheon
he died in Crawfordville Indiana, of fever soon after he was
married.

John Dunlap married Miss Crawford and died the same time
as his brother Robert, of milk sickness.

1796 - 1824
Nancy Dunlap, born in ~~1807~~, married *to* James Templeton,
a Presbyterian Minister who was a graduate of Hampden Sidney.
Henry Co -
He died in Indiana at the same time as his brothers in law.
Nancy Dunlap Templeton with her two children returned to Va.
made her home with her brother Charles Dunlap on a part of
the ancestral estate of John Graham Senior.

She had two children: James Templeton Jr, M.D. married and had Howard Templeton, writer and journalists. He died in 1925 at the White Sulphur Springs in West Va. He married and had children, names unknown.

Martha Templeton of Nancy Dunlap Templeton, died unmarried. Mitchell Dyer Dunlap (fourth child) born in 1809, became a leading presbyterian minister of his day in Pocahontas C.o. W.Va. He had a classical school and was loved and revered and mentioned as the first educator in W.Va. history. He was a graduate with-a-B.D. of Hampden City Syndy College with a D.D. He married his cousin Marry Jane Dunlap _____ of Monroe Co. W.Va. One child Robert was born and died in infancy.

5th Child

Isabella Dunlap married James Walker and their Child's name was J Jane Walker. She married Dr. Mackey M.D.

6th child

Patsy who married Louis Bratton and had John, Mitchell and Rebecca

Mitchell Bratton lived and died near Millboro Va. _____ . He married Miss _____ Groves. several Childre, names unknown.

Rebecca Bratton married James- Townley Cawthorn they had Charles, Ashley, Robert, Sally, Rosa, Patty, and Margaret.

*Charles Dunlap b 1875 d 1870 m 1882 -
Mar - Martha Pauline Alexander
June 7 -
My father was the fourth child of this
union -*

Lockridge, Graham, et als

By Georgianne Dunlap Arnold

Some time ago I made a
ise to write something of Captain
Andrew Lockridge.

Men of prominence receive laud
and honor for their deeds of val-
or. The bigger the men often
times, the less we hear of some
devoted woman standing in their
shadows.

Captain Andrew Lockridge
was a man worthy of all the
praise accorded him, but at that
it appears meagre in this day of
publicity. It is something to be
mentioned in history the 1770's
and there about. Think of the
thousands who were merely fillers
He was captain by 1759; bought
land in 1753; was one of Rocky
Springs first church church trus-
tees in 1771. He and William
Preston appear to have held like
position. However, the main
thing I have in mind about Cap-
tain Andrew Lockridge is that he
married my young aunt, Jane
Graham, April 17, 1761. She
was born 1742.

Now allow me to digress. Jane
Graham came from the ancient
clan of Grammé; Clan Graham
Tarton Graham. They were the
destroyers of the Roman wall be-
tween the Firth-of-Forth and the
Clyde. The home of the Earl is
"Netherly Hall." They were
called "Gallant Graemes."

The first one in history was
John Graham, who was better
known by the suggestive name of
"Jack o' the Bright Sword." A
descendant of the Earls of Mon-
tith and Oxford. During the
reign of Henry IV he went from
Scotland to England and "with
his sword carved large patches
out of the delectable land round
the Sark and the Esk, for his own
particular use." (Cumbien Edin-
burgh.) His seat was Moat Hill---
"Luddell's Strength." It was on
the Lidel, a river three miles out
of Netherby, on an outstanding
hill towering 200 feet, overlook-
ing Cannobie Lee to the North; to
the south a richly wooded country.

The Graemes were a family of
fighters. In 1552 one of Jack's
descendants maintained the fami-
ly tradition by saving his brother
Wattie from the gallows by car-
rying off in broad daylight the
son of Cumberland's high sheriff.
They were so powerful and so
dreaded by their enemies that
James I, upon coming to the
throne, was prevailed on to dis-
perse them. He immediately an-
nounced he would "bae nae bor-
ders to his kingdom." If one

may accept as evidence, "Gra-
ham's Condition of the Border
of the Union," based on official
manuscripts in the Muniment
Room of Muncaster Castle, the
powerful clan was the scapegoat
for half the misdemeanors com-
mitted on the border.

The Earl of Netherby in the
19th century, says the incentive
for the merciless destruction of
the Graemes was their possession
of valuable acres which the king
had been persuaded to bestow,
gratis upon his worthless favorite,
Lord Cumberland. Whatever
the cause, they were mercilessly
barried; in 1606-7; a levy was
passed and three shiploads were
exiled to Ireland and the Nether-
lands. Some settled in the lands
of banishment; others went back
to Scotland and were allowed to
again settle in the vicinity of
their lovely and beloved Eskdale.
Charles I restored the barony,
and "Richard the Plume" was
again owner of the ancestral home,
Wetherby Hall. It has one of
the finest libraries in Scotland;
among the most beautiful grounds
and fertile soils.

The Graemes naturally found
their way into songs and ballads.
"Graeme and Berwick" throws
light on the drinking customs of
the Border. All the world knows
the story of "Young Lochinvar,"
and the race over "Cannobie
Lee," when:

"There was mounting 'mong
Graemes of the Netherby clan;
Fosters, Fenwicks and Musgroves
they rode and they ran;
There was racing and chasing on
Cannobie Lee,
But the best bride of Netherby
ne'er did they see."

The Graemes of Virginia trace
their descent directly from the
Earl of Montrose. Some time
about 1720 John and Michael Gra-
ham came to Pennsylvania. In
1743 when Captain Alexander
Dunlap was securing settlers for
Lewis and Patton to go to the
Great Western or Calf Pasture
River to form a community, John
Graham was one of the group.
James Lockridge was another one.
As a whole, this was a fine com-
munity of people---dependable,
sturdy, educated Scotchmen.

The Graemes and Lockridges
settled near each other. John
Graham, Sr., is thought to have
been born about 1680 and from
what I read of the Lockridge fam-
ily, James was born about the
same year. When they came to
the Calf Pasture, they were both
married and had growing families.
John Graham married Elizabeth,
daughter of Dr William Cocke,

first secretary of State of Vir-
ginia, about 1720.

Land records show that in 1749
John Graham, Sr., bought 696
acres of land lying on both sides
of the Calf Pasture River from
the Lewis and Patten Grant.

In 1753, James Lockridge sold
his land seven miles above Deer-
field to his son Andrew, and
moved with some of his other
children to North Carolina.

John Graham built a large, two
story house of hewed logs. It
was still standing in 1904. In
1754 he built a mill; this was torn
down in 1902; the corner stone
still showed the date 1754. This
land and mill continued in the
possession of his descendants for
five generations. John Graham,
gentleman, was road overseer,
sheriff, and held other positions
of trust. On November 20, 1755,
he qualified as lieutenant of mi-
litia.

This old homestead was near
Rocky Spring Church, where, I
presume, the older generations of
Graemes are buried. There are
no tombstones.

In 1771, John Graham, Sr.,
must have felt his end near as he
made his will in that year and he
was dead soon afterward. His
children were,

1 William who died in 1751.
His wife was Jane Walkup, dau-
ghter of Joseph. There were two
little sons, David and James. Da-
vid married and was dead by 1771.
He had a son Joseph, who was
reared by John Graham, Jr.
This boy said John Graham was
his grandfather in a suit to quiet
title to some real estate. His
mother had married Captain Al-
exander Stuart in 1776.

2 Jane Graham born 1742.
Married April 17, 1762, to Cap-
tain Andrew Lockridge. They
settled on land near Deerfield,
where they lived until some time
about 1773, when they sold their
property and moved to the Bull
Pasture River in Highland coun-
ty. There they built a mill in
1774, and added other improve-
ments. The family was no more
than settled when Captain Lock-
ridge was called to lead a compa-
ny to the Battle of Point Pleas-
ant. Remember Jane Lockridge
was a young mother with several
little children when her husband
buckled on his sword and march-
ed away. There was no snivel-
ing in that day of fighting for
life. Captain Lockridge took
with him William Mann, and
they trekked through the now
inconceivable dangers of the End-
less Mountains to deliver a mes-
sage to Lord Dunmore at Fort
Pitt. This William Mann was

close friend of the Grahams and Lockridges; he qualified as guardian of one of William Graham's orphans in 1762. Captain Lockridge and his sister Elizabeth married children of John Graham.

3 Robert Graham married Elizabeth Lockridge June 24, 1763. Robert Graham administered Florence Graham's estate. He sued Joseph Walkup, but the suit never came to trial because Graham died. In 1774, Captain Andrew Lockridge was made guardian for Sarah and Jane Graham, daughters of his sister Elizabeth. The Robert Graham who died in 1763 may have been of another family, but I doubt it. His widow Elizabeth, afterwards married Samuel Gwinn. In 1776 they settled on Muddy Creek in Summers county. She died at Lowell, West Virginia, leaving a large number of descendants.

4. Lancelot Graham was the eldest son of John Graham, Sr. Nothing is in hand about his family, other than he married and inherited a large part of his father's estate.

5. James Graham married and had children in 1771.

6. John Graham, Jr., married Margaret Patton, daughter of Colonel John Patton, and came into possession of the old homestead and mill on the Calf Pasture. He was born in 1726 and died in 1815. His children were John III, James, Robert, William and Lanty, Margaret, Elizabeth, and Martha, who was born in 1776 and died in 1831. She was married to Robert Dunlap 1793; come into possession of the old homestead 1815. Her son was Rev. Mitchell D. Dunlap, of Hillsboro--my great uncle.

7. Elizabeth married Robert Armstrong, of Bath County. His descendants are in Bath, Greenbrier and Ohio.

8. Florence, born 1744, was married on February 16, 1762, to her cousin James Graham. They lived near John Graham, Jr., until 1773 and then moved to Summers county, where her descendants yet live. Of course, they have gone to every part of the country like the others, but a part of them are still there. David Graham, a descendant, about the year 1900, when he was nearly 80 years of age, wrote the history of the family.

9. Rebecca--nothing known except she married and had a son, John, at the time of her father's death in 1771.

10. Anne became the wife of John Kincaid, and she is the ancestress of so many residents of Virginia and West Virginia that it would take a volume to tell of them all.

If there is any way I can help any of the descendants of John Graham to trace their lines, I will be glad to do it, if they will write me.

John Graham, Sr., remembered all his children in 1771 quite substantially. His will may be of as much interest to his descendants in Pocahontas county, as it was to me, also a descendant:

"In the name of God, amen! Twenty-ninth day of July, 1771, I, John Graham, being sick in body, but of sound mind and memory, thanks to God Almighty, and calling to remembrance the uncertain estate of this transitory life, and that all flesh must yield to death when it pleaseth God to call; I do make, constitute and ordain and declare this my last will and testament.

"First, I recommend my spirit to my Saviour and Redeemer and my body to the dust, to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named. As to my worldly goods which God hath granted me, I leave and bequeath in the following manner, viz:

"To my son Lanty, I devise and leave my plantation whereon I dwell to him and his heirs forever, upon his allowing my beloved wife, Elizabeth, her living off of it, with what stock she pleases to keep. Also the said Lanty is to give six pounds to James Graham's son John. Also to my daughter Anne I leave thirty pounds, besides my roan horse and a chest of drawers. To my beloved wife Elizabeth, I leave twenty pounds, my bay horse, two cows, her choice of the flock, and all the household plenishings.

"To Jane Lockridge I leave fifteen pounds.

To Rebecca my buckles; to her son John a cow; also to Robert Graham one-half my mill.

"To my two daughters, Florence and Betty, ten pounds each.

"To my two sons, Robert and John Graham, ten pounds each. To Rebecca, Lanty's daughter, ten pounds.

"All the rest of my estate is to be used and enjoyed by my wife

whilst unmarried, but if married to be equally divided between my daughters, Flora, Jane, Betty and Anne. And if she never marries, at her death between my four daughters.

"I also appoint my beloved wife and my son, Lanty Graham, to be my executors. I hereby revoke all other wills and testaments appointing and making this my last will, in the eleventh year of our Sovereign Lord George and King of Great Britain, etc., in the year of our Lord God 1771. Signed and sealed and published and pronounced in the presence of John Robinson, John Kincaid and John Armstrong.

John Graham (seal)

At a court for Augusta county, November 19th, 1771, the last will of John Graham, deceased, and proved by two of the witnesses, John Armistead and John Kincaid, Ordered recorded, Lanty Graham and his mother gave bond and administered the estate.

Wm. Burnett, Clerk.

Elizabeth Graham, the wife of John Graham, Sr., was Elizabeth Cocke, daughter of Dr. William Cocke, first Secretary of State of Virginia. She lived until after the census of 1782, for at that time she had several horses and a herd of cattle and three slaves. She and Lanty paid out \$1200 in cash besides other numerous bequests. The records show that John Graham had deeded each of his sons a plantation in 1753, and it is presumed that he gave like sums to his daughters.

The children of Captain Andrew Lockridge and Jane Graham Lockridge were John Andrew who married Christina Youell in 1797, Lanty who married Elizabeth Benson; James Robert and Elizabeth. There may have been others that I have not learned of.

Captain Lockridge was one of the men of West Augusta, whom Washington was wont to praise. He never received due recognition on account of his early death; due no doubt to exposure and poor food during the wars. He died in 1791. He was in command of Fort Dinwiddie in 1776, and was followed there by Captain Samuel McCutcheon in 1777. The following commission will be of interest to his descendants.

"To Andrew Lockridge, Esquire: By virtue of the power and authority to me given as his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governor General and Commander in

Chief in and over the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, with full power and authority to appoint officers, both civil and military within the same. I, reposing special Trust in your Loyalty and Courage and Good Conduct, do by these presents appoint you, the said Andrew Lockridge, Captain of the Militia of the County of Augusta. You are therefore to act as Captain by exercising officers and soldiers under your command. Taking particular care that they are provisioned with arms and ammunition as the laws of the Colonies direct, and you are to observe and follow di-

It will be seen above that the pioneer, John Graham had four daughters, Jane, Florence, Betty and Anne. My four daughters, Betsy, Florence, Anne and Jane are of the seventh generation from grandsire Graham and by peculiar coincidence bear the same names as his daughters. I know when mother named our children she knew little about her Graham ancestry, but was merely following the good old custom of bestowing family names.

Note must be made too that the popular name of Lanty in Pocahontas county comes from Lancelot, the eldest son of John Graham.]

rections from time to time as you shall receive from me or any other superior officer according to the rules of discipline of war in pursuance of the trust reposed in you.

"Given at Williamsburg under my hand and Seal of the Colony this 16th day of March and in the eighth year of his Majesties' reign, Annoque Domni 1768.

Signed, Dunmore."

His Excellency, John Earl of Dunmore, Viscount, Fincastle; Baron Murray, of Blair, Monlin and of Tillimont, Lieutenant, and Governor General of his Majesties' Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and Vice Admiral of the same.

This is on parchment and in fine scroll, trimmed with a golden seal and pale blue ribbon. The original is still in the possession of a descendant in Virginia, Captain William Austin.

Some marriage records from Chalkley.

Thomas Gwinn married Elizabeth Lockridge, daughter of Samuel Lockridge, 1800. James Graham was witness.

Andrew Lockridge, Jr., and Christina Youell, March 20, 1797. William Youell, security.

John Cooper and Sarah Graham, ward of Captain Lockridge, 1793.

Robert Gay and Rebecca Lockridge, daughter of Robert Lockridge, November 18, 1788. Neice of Captain Lockridge.

[Editor's Note; The Lockridge relationship of Pocahontas county are descendants of Lanty Lockridge and Elizabeth Benson Lockridge. Their son was Col. James T. Lockridge.

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Research on:

Hill, Wright, Wilfong,
Kellison, Callison, Dean

Children and Gr. ch. of RICHARD HILL AND NANCY McNEEL

6. Abraham Hill (1799-1891) m. Sarah "Sallie" Burr (1801-1862) 10 c?
 2m. Elsie "Alice" Smith (1837-1900) 7 c?
 61. Rev. John B. Hill (1822-) m. (three times) Went West.
 62. Richard Hill (1824-1876) m. Rachel McMillion (1822-1876)
 63. Rebecca Hill (1827-1912) m. William J. Cackley (-)
 2m. A. J. Overholt (-)
 64. Aaron Hill (1829-) m. Miriam Jordan (1829-)
 65. George W. Hill (1831-1861) m. Martha Ann Auldridge (-1861)
 66. Thomas C. Hill (1834-) died young
 67. Peter Hill (1837-1924) m. Margaret J. Whiting (1845-1923)
 68. Joel Osborn Hill (1839-1922) m. Eliza Va. Morrison (1847-1878)
 2m. Mary Melvina McMillion (1847-1903)
 3m. Mrs. Eliza Burr McClung (1847-1917)
 69. Doctor Chaney Hill (1841-1927) m. Nancy J. Morrison (1847-1931)
 70. William Isaac Hill (1846-1938) m. Sarah Burr? (1824-1915)

 61. Henry L. Hill (1866-1951) m. Laverna Parsons? (1872-1899)
 2m. Nannie Wade (-)
 62. Mollie Hill (-) m. Gorge Overholt (-)
 63. Allen Lee Hill (1866-1946) Not m.
 64. A. Willis Hill (-) m. Gertrude Ruckman (-)
 65. Samuel Hill (-) m. Maude Cutlip (-)
 66. Elizabeth Hill (-) m. Edward Hume (-)
 67. William Preston Hill (-1950) m. Sadie Cath. Sheets (1889-)
 7. Isaac Hill (1802-1842) m. Jane Edmiston (1806?-1885)
 71. William Hill (-) m. Miriam Blair (-)
 72. Nancy Hill (-) m. Thomas Mathews (-)
 73. Rebecca Jane Hill (1824-1886) m. Isaac Handley (1822-1899) (John, Jr)
 74. Richard Hill (1832-1908) m. Allie Fulwider (1834-1880)
 2m. Mary (1862-)
 75. Christopher Hill (-) Not m.
 76. Morgan Hill (1836-1919) m. Sarah Groseclose (1839-1929)
 77. Margaret Eliz. Hill (1839-1922) m. Samuel C. Hemphill (1834-1911)
 78. James Hill (-) m. Nancy Renner (-)
 79. Edith Hill (-) Not m. (May not belong to this family)
 8. William Hill (1804-1868) m. Anna Rhea (Ray) (1809-1896) Nicholas Co.
 81. Elizabeth Hill (1829-1852) m. Alfred Graves (-)
 82. Robert Hill (1832-1838)
 83. Nancy Hill (1834-) m. Hutchison (-)
 84. Richard Hill (1837-) Notm. d. of fever in Civil War.
 85. John Hill (1840-1922) m. Rebecca M. Rader (1847-1929)
 86. James Sam. Hill (1842-1927) m. Lydia J. Hutchison (1845-1891)
 87. Archibald Hill (1843-1873) m. Elizabeth Bobbitt (-)
 88. Margaret Catherine Hill (1848-1850)
 89. Joseph Hutchinson Hill (1851-1951) m. Sarah W. Burr (1851-1935)
 9. Joel Hill (1807-1884) m. Rebecca Livesay (1808-1887)
 91. Mary Frances Hill (1835-) m. Sherman Harper Clark (1829-1901)
 92. Ann Eliza Hill (-) m. Oscar Groves (-)
 93. Martha Hill (-) m. Mansfield Groves (-)
 94. Melinda "Linn" Hill (-) m. Levi Gay (-)
 95. Caroline Hill (1845-1877) m. Daniel Ammen Peck (1838-1904)
 96. Lucy Hill (1841-1902) m. William Curruy (1821-1914)
 97. Hill (-)
 98. G. Allen Hill (-1863) Not m.; k. by Yankee from am. ush.
 99. Richard Wash. Hill (1847-1933) m. Sarah Marg. Watts (1849-1932)

Children & grand ch. of RICHARD HILL, Pioneer, and NANCY McNEEL

1. Thomas Hill (1788-1865) m. Anne Cackley (1790-1888)
 11. Martha McNeel Hill (1810-1902) m. Anthony Callison, Jr
 12. William Cackley Hill (1812-) m. Jane Herrell (1819-)
 13. Mary Fry Hill (1815-1878) m. James Edmiston (1809-1871)
 14. Nancy Hill (1818-1897) m. Josiah Callison (1814-1881)
 15. Thomas Hill (1822-1822)
 16. Eveline Hill (1823-1900)
 17. Lavinia Hill (1826-1885) Not m.
 18. Richard Valentine Hill (1829-) m. Mary Susan Amiss
 19. George E Hill (1832-1920) m. Nancy Jordan (1832-1891)
2m. Julia Beard (1850-1907)
2. Elizabeth Hill (1790-1880) m. John Bruffey (1780-1874)
 21. Nancy Bruffey (-) m. Levi Hooker (-)
 22. Eliza Bruffey (-1872) m. Robert Moore (-1875)
 23. Martha Bruffey (-) m. James Ewing (-)
 24. Margaret Bruffey (1819-1878) m. Morgan Anderson (1822-1909)
 25. Julia Bruffey (1821-1851) m. William McClure (1824-1854)
 26. Lavinia Bruffey (-) m. Thomas Claiborne Blair (-1902)
 27. Harriet Bruffey (-)
 28. Bradford B. Bruffey (1825-1880) m. Mary Jane Watts (1831-1916)
 29. Murray J. Bruffey (1830-1914) m. Elizabeth Craig (1826-1907)
 20. John Bruffey, Jr. (-) m. Margaret Jane Hill (1837-1864)
2m. Mary Jane Rader (-)
3. Col. John Hill (1792-1869) m. Elizabeth Poage (1792-1854)
 - ✓31. Margaret L. Hill (1812-) m. Chesley K. Moore (-)
 - ✓32. Nancy Davis Hill (-) m. William McMillion (-)
 - ✓33. Mary Warwick Hill (-) Not m.
 34. William Poage Hill (1818-1885) m. Elizabeth B. Poage (1816-)
 - ✓35. Richard P. Hill (-1890) m. Nancy Gillilan (-1852)
2m. Nancy J. Agnes Miller
 36. John Hill (-) died young
 37. Thomas Hill (-) Not m.
 38. Robert P. Hill (-) Not m.
 - ✓39. Samuel Davis Hill (1825-1872) m. Martha Eliz. McNeel (1837-1897)
 30. Geo. Wash. Hill (1829-1899) m. Mary Eliz. McNeel (1838-1928)
 - ✓31. Eliz. Rebecca Hill (1831-1896) m. Hampton D. Hamilton (1824-1916)
4. Martha Hill (1795-1877) m. George Russell Gillilan (1794-1854)
 - ✓41. Richard Hill Gillilan (1814-1891) m. Mary Handley (1818-1878)
 42. Nancy Gillilan (1816-1896) m. John George McNeel (1810-1892)
 43. Lydia Armstrong Gil- (1819-1904) m. Mathias Fox (1814-1904)
 44. James B. Gillilan (1822-1824)
 45. William B. Gillilan (1824-1825)
 46. George W. Gillilan (1826-1829)
 - ✓47. James Thomas Gillilan (1828-1877) m. Amanda McClung (1832-1868)
 48. Elizabeth R. Gillilan (1831-1888) m. William McClung (-1862)
 49. Samuel Armstrong Gillilan (1834-1904) Not m.
 40. John McNeel Gillilan (1837-1917) m. Rachel Ruth Kelley (1842-1923)
5. Margaret "Peggy" Hill (1797-) m. Samuel Gillilan (-)
 51. Electa Gillilan (-)
 52. Talitha Gillilan (-)
 53. Nancy Gillilan (-)
 54. Lydia Gillilan (-)
 55. John Gillilan (-)
 56. Samuel Gillilan (-)
 57. Shadrach Chaney Gillilan (-) Not m. Killed by a boy.

Children & Gr. ch. of RICHARD HILL and NANCY McNEEL

0. George Chapman Hill (1811-1888) 1m. Martha Edmiston (1811-1847)
 2m. Rebecca J. Cruikshanks (1826-1893)
- ✓ 01. James Franklin Hill (1823-1927) m. Harriet J. Morrison (1838-1891)
 ✓ 02. Thomas Claiborne Hill (1835-1929) m. Mary Staats (1844-1930)
 03. Margaret Jane Hill (1837-1864) m. John Bruffey, Jr. ()
 ✓ 04. Isaac Chapman Hill (1839-1915) m. Sarah Ann Kennison (1837-1907)
 05. William M. Hill (1842-) died of wounds as prisoner of war.
 ✓ 06. Rebecca Martha Hill (1847-1847) fell down stairs. - - - - -
- ✓ 07. Abraham Doctor Wallace Hill (1849-1932) Not m.
 08. Henrietta Thomas Hill (1851-1888) Not m.
 ✓ 09. Joel Robinson Hill (1853-1924) m. Lydia Marg. Morrison (1852-1920)
 ✓ 00. Lorenza Nixon Hill (1855-1863) These four ch. died
 01. Aretta Leander Alvin Hill (1857-1863) of diphtheria, all
 02. Granville Gardner Hill (1859-1863) within a few days
 03. Ruann Elizabeth Hill (1861-1863) of each other.
 04. Ruamy Margaretta Hill (1863-1906) m. L. Cass McCoy ()
 05. Arminda Va. Hill (1865-1913) m. Thomas James Dameron (1861-1929)
 2m. Robert C. Cutlip (1863-1943)
- ✓ 06. George Chalmers Hill (1869-1887) Not m.
 07. Sterling Price Hill (1867-1888) Not m.

Elizabeth Gillilan, died 6 Aug. 1875
Infant son, died Mar. 1869, children of R. L. & F. A. Gillilan

John E. Gillilan died 6 Feb. 1851, son of R. G. & E. W. Gillilan,
aged 3 years, 2 months and 18 days.

Robert T. Gillilan, died 13 Sept. 1865, aged 6 years, 8 months and
17 days

Ann Hill, died 25 June 1852, aged 28 years, 1 month and 3 days,
wife of Richard Hill.

Elizabeth Hill died 31 Jan. 1853

Mary Gay, died 27 Jan. 1888, aged 73 years, 1 month and 29 days.

Andrew W. Gay, died 8 Apr. 1898, aged 88 years, 5 months and 13 days.

Virginia Gay died 11 Feb. 1848, aged 14 years, 1 month and 22 days,
daughter of Andrew W. & Mary Gay.

Mary W. Hill-20 July 1833-24 Mar. 1918 (unmarried)

She reared

Daniel Kehler-17 Aug. 1861-12 Oct. 1939

Emma Hamilton-4 Sept. 1867-16 Aug. 1907 (his wife)

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FIRST COUPLE MARRIED IN JAMESPORT TOWNSHIP

Richard Hill was born in Pocahontas county, W. Virginia, in 1814, and came to Daviess county in 1835 locating on a farm $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Jamesport. Richard Hill and Anna Gillilan, of Greenbrier county, W. Va., were the first couple married in Jamesport township. They were the parents of five children, the oldest, James C. Hill, being the first boy born in Jamesport township. Mrs. Hill died in 1853 and Richard Hill was married again to Miss Agnes Miller, of Jamesport, three children being born to this union.

Richard Hill died in 1890. All of his family have passed on except 16 grandchildren and several great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren/

(From the Gallatin Democrat----Daviess County Centennial Edition----28 October 1937
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Jas. Callison, who came to Daviess county 100 years ago, settling at Jamesport. He and his brother Franklin Callison, owned the land where Jamesport now stands, and when Dr. J T. Allen laid off the lots for the town, the new city was named Jamesport all three men having that noun for their first name. Descendants of James Callison, now living in Daviess county, now run into the fourth generation.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Gillilan, pioneer Daviess Coubtians, who came to Daviess county 100 years ago, 1837, and lived near Jamesport. The clothes they wore when the above picture was taken, were typical of those worn in this section a century ago. The picture from which this cut was made is a tintype, touched with color.

In the name of God, Amen, I, Michael Harness of the south branch manor in the County of Hampshire, State of V; being of good health at present & considering the uncertainty of human life & and that it is necessary for all persons while they have happiness to enjoy their senses & memory perfect, to settle and dispose their affairs in such manner & may prevent lawsuits after their death amongst friend & relatives. I therefor to prevent the same as much as possible in my own family, do dispose my estate in manner following vis: -

Item - I recommend my body after my death to earth from whence it came to be buried in a decent manner & my soul unto my Heavenly father and it is my desire that all my funeral expenses and other lawful debts to be paid as soon as convenient as can be done after my demise

Item - I join & devise unto my beloved wife Elizabeth one third part of my plantation _____? & tenements or yards and all belonging to it, during her life as also two slaves, one negro man, named Manuel, and one wench named Rachel, to labor for her during her life, and if said wench should bare any children, the half to be my wife's own for her & her heirs forever and after her demise the above named Manuel & Rachel and their increase as above, to be returned to my sone, Jacob Harness, to be his own & heirs forever, and I give to my beloved wife one third of all my other effects & moveables & also one third in moneys left by me to be her own forever -

Item - I give & devise to my youngest son, Jacob Harness, my plantation, dwelling house, barns, orchard and all _____ of husbandry and all household furniture (my wife's part excepted) the living stock & also all my slaves except one Peter, in short he is to have everything left by me on the plantation & this is for the good cause & reason, that I have furnished & supplied my eldest sons with lands & other necessities before in forever times, all to be his without molestation forever -

Item - I give & bequeath to my son John Harness one equal part of the moneys left by me for him & his heirs forever & no more -

Item - I give & bequeath to my son George Harness one equal part in moneys left by me for him & his heirs forever & no more -

Item - I give & bequeath to my son Peter Harness, one negro named Will & also one equal part in my moneys to be his & his heirs forever & no more -

Item - I give & bequeath to my grandson, Michall Harness, & his sister Eliz. Robinson, one equal share of moneys left by me to be divided among them.

Item - I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Eliz. Yoakum & Barbara See & likewise Dorothy Hornbeck & Margeretha Hornbeck likewise each one of them to have equal part in moneys left by me to be theirs & their heirs forever & no more -

And lastly I hereby appoint my son John Harness & my soninlaw Samuel Hornbeck sole executors of my last will & testament. I hereby revoke & make void all other wills.

In witness thereof I set my hand & seal this ____day 1774.

Michael Harness

In witness thereof

Anthony Baker, Joseph Petty, Jacob Yoakum

THE ESKRIDGE FAMILY

Copied from records in:

Christians Complete Family Bible. Published in Liverpool, England, by several Divines of the church of England. Printed by John Schofield in Prince Street, MDCXXX. Christians Complete New Testament, Printed by George Woods, in prince Street, Liverpool, England. (end title).

Inscription of middle flyleaf: Charles Eskridge, December 6, 1785.

Record as written.

Charles Eskridge, son of Samuel and Jane his wife, was born August 27, 1737 and departed this life July 12, 1803.

Hannah Guley, daughter of James and Elizabeth his wife, was born Nov. 5, 1739.

Charles Eskridge and Hannah Guley were married Dec. 20, 1758.

William Eskridge son of Charles and Hannah his wife, was born Oct. 27, 1765.

Hannah departed this life June 12, 1769. In 30th year of life.

Charles Eskridge married Mary Ann Lane July 18, 1771.

Hector Ross Eskridge son of Charles and Mary Ann was born Sept. 19, 1772.

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Hector R. Eskridge was born September 19, 1772, departed this life May 2, 182

Hector R. Eskridge married Susannah B. Cockerell March 6, 1794

Susannah B. Cockerell born May 9, 1778, died July 26, 1823.

Jannet Ashton Eskridge born Sept. 27, 1795 daughter of Hector and Susannah his wife, and died February 19, 1797.

Ann Matilda Eskridge daughter of Hector and Susannah his wife, was born Sept. 19, 1799.

Hartley Ashton Eskridge, son of Hector & Susannah his wife, was born Jan. 24, 1802.

Courtney L. Eskridge, daughter of Hector & Susannah his wife, was born August 27, 1799.

Richard Harrison Eskridge, son of Hector & Susannah his wife, was born May 15, 1804 and died August 20, 1823.

Thomas Orlando Eskridge son of Hector & Susannah his wife, was born June 7, 1809.

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Hartley Ashton Eskridge was born July 20, 1802, died 1856 in Missouri.

Harriet Cockerell his wife died August 3, 1850.

Children of above:

1. Hector Ross Eskridge born Aug. 4, 1832

—died 1910

2. Mary Ann Virginia b. Sept. 17, 1834

3. Thomas Hamlet born April 11, 1837

4. Louise Lavelette born Aug. 11, 1839

5. Charles Washington b. April 8

—died Oct. 16, 1910 (60)

6. Harriet Virginia b. June 6, 1844

7. Samuel Hartley b. July 30, 1845

8. Harriet Hartley Ashton
b. April 13, 1848

JOHN WASHINGTON ESKRIDGE - 1884-1956
↓
FARM CHURCH, VA.

WILTON ESKRIDGE b. 1921
↓
D CHEEAW, D.C.

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Dear Editors:

Circumstances prevented my getting the following information to you in time for it to be included in the 1981 History Of Pocahontas County. You may use it in your Newsletter. Also, I should like it to be filed for use in any future histories.

GRAEME or GRAHAM

Graeme or Graham is one of the oldest Scottish clan names. Tradition states that the phrase " Graeme's Dyke " Commemorates an early Graeme having breached the Roman Wall across Scotland. I have the Coat of Arms.

FELIX GRAEME- - - GRIMES

Around 1760, five Graeme brothers left their native Scotland in search of better opportunities in Ireland. After ten disappointing years, they went to Liverpool and boarded a ship for America.

Catherine Hull, a young English woman, came to America on the same ship as the Graeme brothers. A storm at sea delayed the ship and it ran out of fuel. The passengers were required to surrender all wooden possessions. Catherine was distressed at having to part with her spinning wheel. She succeeded in hiding the spindle in her bedding. (It may be that one of Georgiana Boblett's descendants has Catherine's spindle.) The journey ended at New Castle.

The Graeme brothers parted And did not keep in touch. Felix and Catherine were married and found their way to the Hill Country of Pocahontis County, Virginia. The Commonwealth of Virginia was granting a settler all of the land around which he could blaze a trail in one day. Felix got an early start and by nightfall he had possessed one thousand acres. (about 1770) Settlers who knew Latin, but not Gaelic, called him Mr. Grime, and soon he was Mr. Grimes.

The Price History lists the daughters of Felix and Catherine as Margaret, Mary, Sally, and Nancy. All four married and went to Ohio.

Their son, Henry, died young. Their four grown sons were:

| | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|
| <u>Arthur</u> m | <u>John</u> m | <u>Charles</u> m | <u>James</u> m |
| Mary Sharp/ | Elizabeth | Martha Buzzard/ | Mary Burner/ |
| | Burner/ | | |

Mary Sharp was the daughter of William Sharp, senior, a Revolutionary soldier and Indian Scout. I am a D. A. R. .
Arthur's son, Henry, married Hester Buzzard . Henry's son, Zane B. , married Sarah Drucilla Buzzard. Zane's son, Henry Hayes, was my father. Hayes' wife, Ada Virginia Turner, was from the southern branch of the Turner line.

Faithfully Submitted,

Ruth Grimes Turner
Mrs. John C. Turner

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Felix Graame- - - Grimes -- continued -- page 2

Arthur, son of Felix, married Mary Sharp, daughter of William Sharp, Sr.

Their children were John, Arthur, Jr., Rebecca, David G., Jane, Rachel, and Henry.

Henry, son of Arthur, married Hester Buzzard, daughter of Reuben Sr.

(or Rudolph) Buzzard and Susannah Zickafoose Buzzard.

Thier children:

Peter Hull m Franklin m David m
Martha Grimes / Palcie Dilley, Mary Kane / Celia Smith

Zane E. m
Sarah Drucilla Buzzard, daughter of Sampson Zickafoose Buzzard
and Eleanor Morrison Knapp

Hugh m
Nancy Mays. Their children were Celia, Anderson, Willie, Walter
and Harry. Hugh was the only one of the five Grimes brothers who
was not a soldier in the War Between The States.

Susan m Nancy m Mary m
Jim Pyles / Bill Symms / John Carpenter

There is a question concerning who married the Carpenter but the
above is my record. Effie Grimes James said that her grandfather,
Franklin Grimes, had a sister who married a Carpenter but she does
not have their Christian names.

Peter Hull Grimes served in the Confederate Army until W. Va. became
a state, then served as a spy for the Union, had two horses shot from
under him. The second time, he suffered a severe wound in his leg. He
stuffed the wound with Confederate money and made his escape.

The children of Zane B. Grimes and Sarah Drucilla Buzzard: m Oct. 17, 1867.
(born June 11, 1844, died Jan. 16, 1911. Sarah born Mar. 16, 1848 -
died Dec. 4, 1918)

Ulysses m Bell m Parmelia m Effie m
Ida Carpenter / James Gregg / Henry Gregg / William Lowe
Henry Hayes m Garfield m William Patrick Howdyshe
Ada V. Turner / Ella Moore / 1884 - 1905 / Una Ann
1874 - 1878

Henry Hayes Grimes, b-Feb. 4, 1877, d- Mar. 10, 1957. m-Jan. 12, 1898
to Ada Virginia Turner, daughter of James M. & Emma Virginia Green.
Ada was born Dec. 12, 1880, died Feb. 10, 1963.

Thier children:

Ruth b-May 25, 1899 m June 15, 1921 / Mesdames Guy Brown, Robert Hiner &
John C. Turner b-Nov. 24, 1893 / Glenn Waugh are in the new history.
d-Aug. 13, 1981.

Carrie Gertrude b-May 25, 1916, d-Nov. 3, 1918. David H. b- Oct. 25, 1918.

THEODOR SCHUCHAT

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June 16, 2001

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Your circular letter of June 5 prompted me to send you the Xeroxed material enclosed, an account of the Jews who lived in Marlinton during the first half of the Twentieth Century.

As Charlene Beverage will confirm, I have been dispersing my personal library. If I come across any more Pocahontas County material, I'll send it along.

Cordially yours,



Mr. Allen Johnson, Director
Pocahontas County Free Libraries
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Marlinton WV24954

P.S. I have a poem composed on October 20, 1930, by the late Dr. James Madison Price to us, on our leaving Marlinton. I shall send you a copy. I think it is very good. . . .

"MRS. SARA [SCHWARTZ] SCHUCHAT (MRS. SIMON SCHUCHAT),
"3413 Glen Avenue,
Baltimore 15, Md."

"FRIENDS AND FLOWERS"

In Wyllie Manor's merry mansion halls,
Glad meetings (with the partings of regret),
Soft music, and softer footstep falls
In measures of grand, stately minuet.

Friends losing the old days and ways,
We can not know or show a reason why,
Hoping for them to stay with us always,
And never, the forever, last good bye.

The year our flowers lost the summer showers,
We could not keep them so they would not fade,
Too soon the roses were a sombre shade
Yet memories of their fragrance still are ours.

Some flowers' leaves are of the evergreen,
The leaf that keeps the verdure ever new
In summer, and our autumn hours, too,
As waving over water ways they lean.

October 20, 1930

J.[AMES] M.[ADISON] PRICE

Banquet of farewell in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Schuchat.

MARMET

Marmet is a town in Kanawha County, in west central West Virginia, located on the Kanawha River, eight miles south southeast of Charleston. It was incorporated in 1921. In 1950 it had a general population of 2,515 (1950 United States Census).

No Jews were living in Marmet in 1958-1959, and, apparently, no Jewish families or persons ever resided in the town. This was, without doubt, because of its proximity to Charleston, where Jewish persons preferred to settle and to work.

MARTINSBURG

GENERAL

Martinsburg is an industrial city in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia, in the northeastern part of the state. It is situated at an altitude of 435 feet above sea level, 17 miles south southwest of Hagerstown, Md., and 70 miles northwest of Washington, D. C. Martinsburg is the county seat of Berkeley County.

Martinsburg was first settled in 1774 to 1776, and was characterized as a village [or as a town, as some historians believe] in 1778, then later as a town, and still later, in 1859, as a city. In 1940, it was reported (United States Census) to have a population of 15,063. In 1955, its population was given as 15,600. The United States Census of 1950 gave Martinsburg a general population of 15,621.

Martinsburg is noted for its manufacture of textiles (especially woollens), hosiery, furniture, cement, wood products, and bricks. Large deposits of shale, limestone, and clay are to be found in its immediate vicinity, and are utilized. It is, in addition to being an industrial city, also a commercial and livestock center, and also a center for agriculture. It is located in an apple- and peach-growing center, and it produces and ships these fruits and also byproducts of the livestock industry. Martinsburg's location is at the entrance to the Shenandoah Valley. The city is served by both the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad; the latter maintains a large repair shop in Martinsburg.

During the Civil War, Martinsburg was occupied, successively, by Federal and Confederate armies. It derives its name from Colonel Thomas Bryan Martin, and was laid out, originally, as a village, by General Adam Stephen.

Bunker Hill Village, ten miles to the southwest of Martinsburg, is the site of the oldest recorded settlement in all West Virginia. Bunker Hill Village was settled about the year 1729.

[However, my surmise, or conjecture, as to the "origin" of the name Schuchat was incorrect, according to the following statement in this respect made by Mrs. Sara S. Schuchat, in reply to my query, in her second long and detailed letter, that of January 22, 1959:]

As far as I know, the Schuchat family in Lithuania consisted of five cantors (brothers). [These five brothers were the grandfather and the four granduncles of Simon Schuchat.] We have heard that one of these cantors went to Italy, where some of his descendants live in Rome. My husband's father [David Schuchat] (the son of one of the five brothers), who made his living here [in the United States] as a cabinetmaker, came to Baltimore. My husband learned to be a Shochet only so that we might have [kosher] meat in Marlinton. He studied [Shechitah] (if this is the term) briefly in Baltimore after our marriage (1915-1916), but before we went to West Virginia (in 1916), and only enough so that he could perform ritual slaughtering for his own family. He did, however, kill chickens for the other [Jewish] families [in Marlinton] for holidays.

My husband, SIMON SCHUCHAT, went to Cheder [the five-day-a-week Hebrew day school] in Baltimore. His parents were observant Jews, and the combination gave him his religious background. His father, David Schuchat, was a founder of Beth Tefilah Congregation [in Baltimore]. As far as I know, the name has always been spelled Schuchat in English, with the two c's. As I wrote above, the name far [long] preceded my husband's becoming a Shochet.

Our daughter BETSY [SCHUCHAT] was born on June 3, 1918, and our first son, THEODOR [SCHUCHAT], on June 15, 1923. Both of them were born in Baltimore, and Theodor was the first male Schuchat in a long, long time.

[Our son] MICHAEL [SCHUCHAT] was born on December 15, 1924, in Marlinton. The Mohel was brought from Baltimore, and all of our Gentile[s] as well as Jewish friends were invited to what I believe was the first Brith [circumcision ceremony] ever held in Marlinton.

[Our son] DAVID GEORGE [SCHUCHAT] was born at Marlinton on June 16, 1930, and the Mohel was brought from Charleston by Secretary of State [of West Virginia] George W. Sharp, who came down with him and insisted that David also be named George because he had brought the Mohel!

We lived in Marlinton for fourteen years (until 1930), and then we sold the store and returned to Baltimore. We had always planned to go back [to Baltimore] when the boys were ready for Hebrew School. While we lived in Marlinton we would buy Hebrew books from the Block [Bloch] Publishing Company [of New York] when we went on buying trips to New York, and when we returned to Baltimore Betsy was able to enter Sunday School in her correct grade. The boys went to Beth Tefilah [Tefilah] Hebrew School in Baltimore, and we joined

that congregation. Mr. Schuchat's father [David Schuchat] had been one of the early members, and Mr. [Simon] Schuchat was active as a member of the Board of Beth Tefilah Congregation until his death at Baltimore in October, 1945. As long as our children attended Hebrew School, I was an active member of the Board of it.

BETSY [SCHUCHAT] went to West Virginia University and graduated in 1939. While there she was president of the Sigma Delta Tau sorority. She received a master's degree in social work at Tulane University, in New Orleans, and in 1946 she married Jerry Schoenholtz, a business agent for the ILGWU [International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union]. They live in New York, and she is currently Directress of Social Services of the French Hospital.

[THEODOR] SCHUCHAT, the eldest son of Simon and Sara S. Schuchat, attended West Virginia University until he went into the Army Signal Corps in 1942. He graduated from the New School for Social Research in New York after the [Second World] War, and was an information specialist with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare until he became the executive director of the Social Legislation Information Service, in Washington, D. C. On December 27, 1958, Theodor Schuchat was married to Bertha Moscow, of Washington, D. C.

MICHAEL [SCHUCHAT] began college at Carnegie Tech [the Carnegie Institute of Technology], in Pittsburgh, and then joined the Naval ROTC. He graduated from Yale University in the class of [19]45W, and then served as an ensign on a destroyer in the Pacific. After graduating from Georgetown Law School, he clerked for Judge Charles Fahey, of the United States Court of Appeals in Washington. He was recalled during the Korean War and served in the Caribbean and in North Africa. He is a member of the law firm of Geiger, Harmel and Schuchat. He married Mollie Geiger, of the District of Columbia, in 1953, and has three children, Simon, Frank, and Betty Schuchat. [Michael Schuchat's older son, Simon Schuchat, would thus appear to have been named after his grandfather, the original Simon Schuchat who was the husband of Mrs. Sara Schwartz Schuchat.]

DAVID [DAVID GEORGE SCHUCHAT] attended West Virginia University, George Washington University, and Johns Hopkins University. He served in the Quartermaster Corps of the Army in Munich. He owns a tea company in Baltimore, and is engaged in real estate in Washington and Baltimore. He lives with me at 3413 Glen Avenue (please note the new address), Baltimore 15, Md.

We all have close ties to Marlinton. We go back as often as we can, and I still subscribe to the *Pocahontas Times* (a weekly), founded by the Price Family. The newspaper still publishes news of marriages and births in my family. Marlinton was a very liberal place to live for a Jew, and people were accepted for what they were. . . .

money for Jewish causes], we raised a great deal of money (it's all in the book *This Thing Called Giving*, I believe the name is), because we had all of our Christian friends contributing and raising money. We had a real fund drive, with meetings at our house. Mr. Schuchat was one of the Directors of The Bank of Marlinton. When we came there, the town had electricity only at night, and Mr. Schuchat was instrumental in floating a bond [issue] to buy a second dynamo for daylight current. He was very active in the Kiwanis Club. And he was a very active Democrat — when there were very few Democrats of any kind in that area. His political interests did not affect his close friendship with such good Republicans as Judge Summer [Summers H.] Sharp or his brother George Sharp (mentioned below).

When the Presbyterian and Methodist Sunday schools studied the Old Testament, Mr. Schuchat was always asked to speak to the children. He also spoke at morning chapel at the high schools. He used to have long conversations in Hebrew [?] with the Reverend George J. Cleveland, then the minister of the Episcopal Church, later canon at the Washington [D. C.] Cathedral, and now in Richmond, Virginia. We always attended the Thanksgiving [Day] service at one of the churches [in Marlinton] and went to them on other occasions.

I was one of the charter members of the Women's Club of Marlinton, whose membership was strictly limited to 24 and was by invitation only. (I was the only Jewish member — and usually the only Jewish delegate at State Women's Clubs' Conventions.)

Before we moved to Marlinton, Mr. [Simon] Schuchat learned [in Baltimore] to be a shochet, so that we could have kosher fowl in West Virginia. We had a kosher home, and at Pesach ate only meat because we could not get *pesachdich* [fit for Passover use] dairy products. We always had seders, and the other Jewish families of Marlinton were invited. On the high holy days, even though there were not enough Jews for a Minyan, we held services at our home.

[I would have imagined, or surmised, on the basis of etymology and "logic," that the implication is rather clear that the family name of her husband, Simon *Schuchat*, is derived from the Hebrew word *shochet*, which means a ritual slaughterer of poultry and animals, and that the spelling *Schuchat* represents a variant of that name or title. It is very likely that, just as Simon Schuchat learned, in Baltimore, to be a Shochet, some one of his ancestors, or several of them, possibly his father and his grandfather in the "Old Country," had learned to be a Schuchat's and his parents' emigration to the United States, and that it was from this occupation that the family name of Schuchat, with a slight dialectical accent, and with a slight variant spelling of the name, was adopted, perhaps as far back as two or three generations, even before Simon Schuchat's grandfather's time.

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HWARTZ, was born in Neistadt, Lithuania, which was then a part Russia, also about 1856 or 1857. Both towns were in Kovno ubierna. They came to the United States in 1888 [1878?], after their marriage in Neistadt. At the time of their arrival they were on their honeymoon, and when they came to Baltimore on their honeymoon, they were about twenty-two years old. My Aunt CELIA KLEIN married LEX [ALEXANDER] LAZARUS of Belington, W. Va., and they had two girls and five boys: Louis, Morris, Isaac, Jack, Ephraim, Goldie, and Anna Lazarus. LOUIS LAZARUS lives in Wheeling, MORRIS LAZARUS lived there until his death a few years ago [at Wheeling]. JACK LAZARUS is a dentist in Baltimore, and EPHRAIM LAZARUS, who taught high school in Belington for many years, now lives in Baltimore, as do the two girls, the former GOLDIE and LENA LAZARUS, all of them now married. Ephraim Lazarus, after leaving Belington, became an office manager in Baltimore; he is still working in that position in Baltimore.

LOUIS KLEIN (to get back to my mother's brothers) lived in Weston and then came to Marlinton, and bought A. [Abraham] Harrison's store, which became Klein's Department Store. I lived with his family from the time I was sixteen until I was twenty. They were there [Louis Klein and his wife] eight years in all before my husband bought the store, at which time they moved to Washington. My Uncle ABE KLEIN was at first a salesman for the United Rubber Company before he settled in Elkins, W. Va. He went to Elkins when he was quite young, opened a store there and married and had three children. Later he was in the department store business in Clarksburg, W. Va. with the Nusbaum Company. His last store was in Fairmont, W. Va. Abe Klein's three children were Anita, Dorothy, and Millard Klein. Anita Klein is married in Baltimore, Dorothy Klein is in Washington, as are Millard Klein and his wife and two children. The Kleins, as you can see, were early settlers in West Virginia.

Schuchat's Department Store (my husband, Simon Schuchat, changed the name when he bought the store) sold ready-to-wear [clothing] for the whole family. Our customers came from the area about fifty miles around Marlinton. The roads were not as good as they are now, and a whole family, lumbermen or farmers, would come to Marlinton for a day of shopping. We did a lot of advertising including a monthly magazine, and while we were in Marlinton we doubled the size of the store. We lived in an eight-room apartment over it.

After World War I Mr. [Simon] Schuchat contributed and raised funds for the Jews in Europe throughout the whole of Pocahontas County [West Virginia]. Although there were only five Jewish families in the County (and we called them four and a half because one man did not want to have any part of anything like that [of Judaism and Jewish affiliation, and of being known as a Jew, and of contributing

AL SCHEIR. Al Scheir and his wife, Sylvia, were in business in Marlinton from 1930 to 1932, inclusive. They now live in Baltimore, Md. Sylvia Scheir is now Mrs. Sam Ross, of Baltimore. Both have remarried since leaving Marlinton, after a divorce proceeding.

MRS. FANNIE OVERHOLT. Mrs. Fannie [Mary Frances Golden Overholt; "Fannie" is a familiar name for Frances, no doubt] Overholt, the wife of Paul R. Overholt, lives near Marlinton, in this County [in Buckeye, W. Va.]. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Golden. She is married to a Methodist, and they have two children. . . .

We are constructing a golf course in this County, near Marlinton, and have formed a corporation for that purpose. The corporation is called the Pocahontas County Country Club, and I am president. This is only another point of interest, in view of the fact that we are the only Jews here [the Adolph E. Cooper family].

LEWIS COOPER. I overlooked my youngest brother, Lewis Cooper. He was born [in Cass, W. Va.] on July 20, 1907. A graduate of West Virginia University, he served in the United States Navy. Now married, he is living in Washington, D. C., and has three sons. He was with Hecht's Department Store [in Washington, D. C.] for a few years, and is now with the Sun Radio Stores. He was in every State in this country, and has toured Europe.

JACOB COOPER. My father, Jacob Cooper, was a great man. He believed in education. Three of us boys were at West Virginia University at one time. Our mother and father gave us the best of everything at considerable sacrifice. We were the only Jewish family at Cass.

My full name is Adolph Edward Cooper.

"A. E. COOPER."

MEMOIR OF MRS. SARA SCHWARTZ SCHUCHAT¹ ON MARLINTON, WEST VIRGINIA

AND ON HER LATE HUSBAND

SIMON SCHUCHAT, OF MARLINTON, WEST VIRGINIA²

MEMOIR OF MRS. SARA (SIMON) SCHUCHAT
MARLINTON, WEST VIRGINIA

I am sorry not to have sent you the below background before now, but it is the kind of thing one wants to set down all at once, and a sufficient stretch of time has been lacking.

¹ (of 3413 Glen Avenue, Baltimore 15, Maryland).

² Written by Mrs. Sara Schwartz Schuchat on February 12, 1958, and on January 22, 1959, in the form of two letters to Abraham I. Shinedling. The bracketed insertions are by the latter.

SIMON SCHUCHAT was born in Kovna [Kovno], Lithuania, about 1878, and came to Baltimore with his parents and four sisters and brothers in 1884. Two more children were born in Baltimore. He owned a cigar factory in Baltimore until after we were married, on February 28, 1915, at Baltimore. In 1916 we moved to Marlinton, at which time Simon Schuchat bought Klein's Department Store in Marlinton from my uncle, Louis Klein. We moved back to Baltimore, from Marlinton, in 1930. On his side of the family, only my husband, and his brother Louis Schuchat, had any connection with West Virginia. [Louis Schuchat, later of Lewisburg, W. Va., is the father-in-law of Rabbi Ely E. Pilchik, of Newark, N. J., Rabbi Pilchik having married Louis Schuchat's daughter Ruth.] Louis Schuchat married Mary Aaron, of Bluefield [Mary Aaron would be an aunt of Mrs. Sarah Aaron Schlossberg (Mrs. Abraham N. Schlossberg), of Bluefield], and Mrs. [Louis] Schuchat should be able to supply you with a wealth of information about Lewisburg and Bluefield. Their address is just Lewisburg, W. Va., but they spend the winter at Coral Gables, Florida.

I was born SARA SCHWARTZ, one of seven children, in Boydton, Virginia. Although my parents, JACOB SCHWARTZ and MINNA KLEIN SCHWARTZ, came to Baltimore and returned there before we children were all grown, they lived in the interval in several towns on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, also in Boydton, Va., where my sister Bessie and I were both born, and also briefly in North Carolina. They owned stores in these places. My parents spent their later years in Baltimore, and died there. For a short period of time, Jacob and Minna Klein Schwartz lived also in Grafton, W. Va. We lived in Grafton, [West Virginia,] for a time when I was very young.

We moved to Baltimore, where I started school. My brother AARON [SCHWARTZ] attended D & E [Davis and Elkins College, in Elkins, W. Va.], and played football there (against Navy!). At the time he lived with my Uncle ABE KLEIN (my mother's brother), who had a store in Elkins. Uncle Abe Klein, a brother of LOUIS KLEIN, had moved to Elkins from Grafton, West Virginia. EPHRAIM KLEIN, my mother's oldest brother, was in Grafton, West Virginia, for sixty years or more, and had a department store. He married and died there. His daughter, Ray Klein, is a resident buyer in New York City; his daughter, Flora Klein Freedman, lives in Youngstown, Ohio; and his son, Harry Klein, is in Minneapolis.

My Uncle IKE (I. CHARLES KLEIN) lived for a long time in Weston, W. Va., where he had a department store. His son died quite young. Three of his daughters live in New York and one in Princeton, New Jersey.

My mother, MINNA KLEIN, was born in Travich [Tavrick], near Tilsit [Russia], about the year 1856 or 1857, and my father, JACOB

Yale Medical School. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge at Cass. Theodore Cooper is married, and has two children: Vicki, a daughter, and Edward. Vicki is married, and lives in Baltimore. Theodore built a beautiful home at Pikesville, Md. He is next to Leon in age. Theodore Cooper is also a Phi Beta Kappa from West Virginia University.

I [ADOLPH EDWARD COOPER] am the next boy, born on June 7, 1906 [at Cass, W. Va.]. I graduated [from] West Virginia Law School in 1929, with the LL.B. degree. [I] graduated on June 8th [1929], and started practice on July 8th [1929], in Marlinton, W. Va. [I am a] member of Phi Sigma Delta fraternity, a national one. . . . I have been City Attorney in Marlinton since 1941, and perhaps a year or two before that. While at West Virginia University I was a member of the varsity wrestling team in the 118-pound class, for the five years there, and a member of the West Virginia Club for athletes, called the Varsity Club, I believe. I am a member of the Masonic Order at Cass. I am a member of the Marlinton Rotary Club, and Past President on two separate occasions. I became a member one month after the Club was organized in 1937. I was a president of the Pocahontas County Board of Trade for one year. . . . I am a Republican, and ran for the office of Prosecuting Attorney of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, for three times. This was in 1932, 1936, and 1940. [It was] a bad time for a Republican to run. I am at present Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of Pocahontas County, having been elected a member at the primary, and chosen Chairman by the Committee. I was elected a Member from Edray District of this county.

I am married, and the father of two children. I was married on December 24, 1933, in New York. My wife was formerly Diana Kronick. She was born in New York, but her folks were living at Uniontown, Pa., when I was attending school at Morgantown at the University of West Virginia. We met at the fraternity on the campus at West Virginia University.

DORIS ELLA COOPER is my elder [child]. She is a graduate of Marlinton High School in 1954. She is now [1956] a junior at the University of Maryland. She is a member of Alpha Epsilon Phi Sorority at the University of Maryland. She made the Dean's List this past school year. She was born [in Marlinton] on October 1, 1936.

DANIEL PAUL COOPER is my son. He was born on April 23, 1940. He is a sophomore in Marlinton High School, and a member of the baseball and football teams. He is the only Jewish student in the [Marlinton] High School at this time.

We [the Adolph E. Cooper family] are the only Jewish family living in Pocahontas County at this time [1956].

Now some information as to other Jewish families:

PAUL GOLDEN. Paul Golden came to Marlinton in 1892.¹ He was a merchant, and died here in 1944 at the age of 86. His wife was Minnie Milner Golden, who died in 1948, at the age of 80 years.

ABE HARRISON. Abe Harrison was in business in Marlinton, about the year 1905. He went from Marlinton to Fairmont, W. Va., some time around 1905, and opened up the "Workingman's Store." Later, he leased this store of his to a firm known as Golden Brothers, in Fairmont, while he himself moved to Atlantic City, N. J. Abe Harrison was the brother-in-law of Paul Golden. He sold his business in Marlinton to Louis Klein, of Baltimore. Mr. [Abe] Harrison died in Atlantic City in 1954, at the age of 79, and at the time he was in the real estate business.

SCHULMAN BROTHERS. The Schulman Brothers were here in business during the period from 1910 to 1920. One of the brothers was Max Schulman. One of them is still living. They went from Marlinton to Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

ISAAC ROSEN. Isaac Rosen was here in business in the early 1920's. His wife was a relative of the Schulmans.

H. [ERMAN] KELMENSEN. H. [erman] Kelmensen and his family were in Marlinton for years. He was married, and had two children. Edith Kelmensen, his daughter, was married, and died in Baltimore. A son, Harry Kelmensen, is a doctor, located in Baltimore; he is married, and has a family of his own. Mr. and Mrs. H. [erman] Kelmensen are living in Baltimore, Md. Mr. [Herman] Kelmensen operated a store in Marlinton for many years.

SIMON SHUCHAT [SCHUCHAT].² Simon Shuchat and his family lived here at Marlinton for years. He operated a fine store here. His wife was Sarah [Mrs. Sara Schwartz Schuchat; see below.] She lives in Baltimore. . . . They have some children living in Baltimore.

[See below, for the letter of Mrs. Sara Schwartz Schuchat on Marlinton and the Simon Schuchat family.]

LOUIS SHUCHAT [SCHUCHAT]. Louis Schuchat was also in Marlinton, but he is now, and has been for many years, located at Lewisburg, W. Va. . . . [Louis Schuchat operated a store in Lewisburg for many years, until his retirement from business in the 1950's. He was the brother of Simon Schuchat.]

LOUIS KLEIN. Louis Klein was succeeded [in business] by the Shuchats [Schuchats], and then they in turn by Abe Klein. Abe Klein was in business here for a few years. A fire destroyed the property. He had a daughter named Anita Klein, and a son, Millard Klein. They are now in Baltimore, I believe.

¹ In 1894 or 1895, according to Paul Golden's daughter, Mrs. Paul R. Overholt; see above, page 1013.

² The correct spelling of this name is Schuchat.

About 1899 he moved across the bridge to a large building, where he stayed in business until 1919. My mother's nephews, Simon Klein (deceased) and Maurice Klein (now owner of a big general merchandise store similar to my father's in Forest Hill, Md.), worked for him at various times [in Marlinton]. His sister, Ida Golden Fuman, her husband, and two children ran a prosperous store for him in Falling Springs, now Renick, in Greenbrier County [West Virginia], for several years. Her husband, John [Fuman], was very anxious to go to a larger place, so [he] moved to Indiana and then to Chicago and Baltimore, but [he] never had any more money than in West Virginia.

Papa helped my mother's sister Mary [Mary Milner], and her husband, Abe Harrison, establish a store in Marlinton about 1903. Abe [Harrison] was an excellent businessman, and sold his store to Louis Klein. He [Abe Harrison] went to Fairmont, W. Va., where he made his fortune in a huge store dedicated to the workingman. This store was leased to some men by the name of Golden Brothers [presumably not related to Paul Golden] when he retired to Atlantic City [N. J.]. He [Abe Harrison] operated a store in Cumberland, Md., for a few years, hoping to get his three sons established there, but his health was poor there, so he went back to Atlantic City. He died there at the age of 79 in 1954. I wrote to his oldest son, Bernard [Harrison], of 4601 Ventnor Ave. [Atlantic City, N. J.], for information, but have not received it.

My father always was fascinated by the lumber business, so when he sold his store out, he indulged in this and lost much of his hard-earned cash. However, the land on which he cut the most lumber was valuable farmland, and helped him to recuperate his fortune a little. At the age of 75 he started on the road again, in a Ford [automobile] this time, as a jobber for work clothes and gloves. He traveled all over southern West Virginia and enjoyed this work very much. It gave him an outlet for his urge to wander as in his younger days, and gave him a chance to earn.

He gave me seven years in a boarding school and college. My mother left money for my elder daughter to graduate from Columbia [University], and the younger from Cornell, so his love for learning was not lost. He and my mother are buried in the Southern Cemetery in Baltimore, Md.

He announced his intentions to become naturalized in Baltimore in 1890, and became a citizen in Pocahontas County [West Virginia] in 1897.

" 'FANNIE' OVERHOLT (Mary Frances Golden Overholt). "

[Letter from A. E. (Adolph Edward) Cooper, of Marlinton, dated August 3, 1956]

"A. E. [Adolph Edward] Cooper,
"Attorney at Law,
"Marlinton, W. Va.

"August 3, 1956.

This is in reply to your letter requesting information about myself, family, and other former Jewish families who lived here in the [Pocahontas] county, and especially at Marlinton.

My father was Jacob Cooper. My mother was Maggie Gordon Cooper. They came to Cass, West Virginia, in this county, around 1905. Dad was a merchant, operating the Cooper's Department Store at Cass. We were the only Jewish family in Cass. My father was a most respected citizen. He was a member of the Town Council at Cass. He was a member of the Masonic Order at Cass, [the Lodge in Cass] being Riverside Lodge No. 124. When Dad came to Cass there were three children, namely, Veeda, Leon, and Theodore [Cooper]. Then I was born on June 7th, 1906. Lewis [Cooper, my brother] was born on July 20th, 1907. All [the] children graduated at [from] Marlinton High School. Marlinton is 25 miles from Cass by rail. The children had to board away from home while going to school. Dad moved his store from Cass to Durbin, West Virginia, in 1930, and continued in business for a couple of years and left this county in 1932, returning to Washington, D. C. He came from Washington to West Virginia in 1905. Dad died in 1943 in Washington, D. C., on July 4th, and is buried in Adas Israel Cemetery. He was aged 69. Mother died August 25th, 1947, and is also buried in the same cemetery. Her maiden name was Gordon, and her father was a rabbi, as I recall, in Russia. Both my parents originally came from Russia, and [my] father became a naturalized citizen prior to his coming to West Virginia. My mother was a very well-read person, and [was] well liked by all who came in contact with her.

My sister, VEEDA [COOPER], died in 1928, and is buried in the same cemetery in Washington. She was a talented pianist, and was most popular. She was the oldest of the children [of Jacob and Maggie Gordon Cooper].

LEON [COOPER] is the oldest boy, and is living in Washington, D. C. He is connected with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. He is married, and has one child, named Barbara. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge at Cass.

THEODORE COOPER is a doctor, having his office in Baltimore, Md. He graduated [from] West Virginia University [in Morgantown] and

Schuchats left Marlinton during the summer of 1931. I am not sure where they went. The only name of any of the Kleins that I remember is that of Anita Klein. She graduated from high school with me [in Marlinton] in 1932. I am not sure when the Kleins left Marlinton. I am inclined to believe that they returned to Baltimore.

The third family which I remember was named Kelmenson. The name of the head of the family was written H. [Herman] Kelmenson. I knew a son [of Herman Kelmenson] quite well, from being in high school with him. He was named Harry Kelmenson. I understand that Harry Kelmenson is now a prominent surgeon in Baltimore, Maryland. There was one daughter in the Kelmenson family; she was older than Harry, but I do not remember her name. . . . I do not remember when the Kelmensons moved away from Marlinton. I believe that it was in the middle 1930's — about 1935 or 1936.

[From Mrs. Paul R. (Mary Frances Golden) Overholt, of Buckeye, W. Va., under date of August 8, 1956]

"'Balla Machree'

"R. F. D. 1,

"Buckeye, W. Va.

.... My mother, Minna Milner, came from Lithuania, near Propst. Her father was a miller. The village in which she lived was on a river much like the Greenbrier. She was very pious, but failed to instruct me in the Jewish precepts. This was the case in [with] many of the earlier Jewish settlers who had to work so hard that they neglected this step, although [the proverb or saying] "Born a Jew, always a Jew" seems to be bred in the bone. The early merchants here had to board their clerks [provide them with room and meals], so that made extra work.

Besides running a general merchandise store, my father [Paul Golden] and H. [Herman] Kelmenson bought wool and ginseng.

I hope that you may be able to garner a few facts of interest from my [the following] ramblings. I had hoped to rewrite the enclosed rambling account and have it typed. However, after six weeks of guests, the work in my garden makes this impossible.

"'FANNIE' OVERHOLT (Mary Frances Golden Overholt)."

Judge [Summers H.] Sharp asked me to answer your letter, as he felt that I knew more about my father [Paul Golden]. Papa was a very colorful figure. He was about 5½ feet tall, with merry blue eyes and

light brown hair. He always had a small gift for the children when they came to his store; so many of them always tell me about him. He loved to eat, and always planned to spend the night when he was traveling where they had a good cook. He always stopped at Judge Sharp's home [before he settled in Marlinton], and they were always good friends.

His home [native country and village] was near the Phriphet [Pripet] Marshes in what is now Poland but [was] under Russian rule at that time. His father, who was a bookkeeper for a well-to-do relative in a nearby city (Riga?), was killed at the beginning of a pogrom when he rushed back to [into] the store to get the books, although his relative had begged him not to. He [my father, Paul Golden] borrowed the money from some relative to come to America, and then sent money back for the various members of his family to come [to the United States].

He was always interested in education and the welfare of this community [Marlinton, W. Va.]. At his death, in 1944, we sent his library of many of the classics to a synagogue in Baltimore.

Paul Golden [my father] was born in Russia, near the Phriphet [Pripet] Marshes, and came to America between 1885 and 1888. He began in business as a peddler in West Virginia. He bought his merchandise from the Baltimore Bargain House, and after coming to Pocahontas County [in West Virginia] [he] had it shipped to Milton Springs, Va., where it was brought over the mountains to the store which he [later] had in Edray [West Virginia]. Previously to this he had carried his merchandise in a huge sack on his back. He must have been very strong, as the country people marveled at what he could get in this sack. Mrs. Elmer Poague [Pogue] said that they could always depend on what he said about his merchandise. If he said it was good, it was fine, and if he said it was just "fair," it was that. He had a gray horse and wagon when he became more prosperous. After he came to Edray, a village a few miles from Marlinton, he let a cousin, "Red" Golden, do the peddling. (The horse and buggy were lost in an accident.) This cousin, an E. Golden, was a smaller man with red hair and a long, red beard. The Elmer Pagues, in whose yard his little store stood, and with whom he boarded, tell of the terrible quarrel he had with "Red." It seems that one Passover the matzoh did not come from Baltimore, so he had their cook [the Elmer Pagues' cook] make it of flour, salt, and water. The cousin, a very religious man and in poor health, ate it, but decided it wasn't right a few days later, and was most indignant.

He [Paul Golden] moved to Marlinton about 1894 or 1895. Then he married my mother in Baltimore. This store was near the old, wooden, covered bridge built over the Greenbrier River during the Civil War.

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Marlinton is a town in east central West Virginia, located in Pocahontas County. It is the county seat of Pocahontas County, and is known as a hunting resort. Marlinton, situated southeast of Webster Springs and east of Richwood, had, in 1937, a general population of 1,586. In 1940, it was reported to have a total general population of 1,644; and in 1950, the United States Census gave the town a general population of 1,654.

The *AJYB* for 1927 reported that there were 11 Jews living in Marlinton in 1927, and in 1937 there were ten Jews or less residing in the town.

Several years after 1922, Harry Barbakow, now (1959) living in Princeton, W. Va., and his brother-in-law, Herman Kelmenson, moved from Thomas, W. Va., to Marlinton, where they opened up a dry goods and clothing store in partnership. Later, Harry Barbakow sold out his share in the store to Herman Kelmenson, who remained in Marlinton; while Harry Barbakow settled in Princeton, W. Va., entering the dry goods and clothing business. In 1959, he was still resident in Princeton, engaged in the same business, together with his son, Yankee [Jacob] Barbakow.

In addition to the above information, excerpted in part from letters written to me by Harry Barbakow (from 1956 to 1959), who was a very staunch member of my old Bluefield-Princeton Congregation Ahavath Sholom (1947-1950), I was most fortunate in receiving four additional letters dealing with the earlier and present Jewish residents of Marlinton, from which most of the following data have been excerpted. These letters were from:

SUMMERS H. SHARP, an attorney (a non-Jew) in Marlinton; the letter is dated July 26, 1956.

DONALD [DON] C. TAYLOR, minister of the Emmanuel Methodist Church, of Huntington, and a former resident in, and native of, Marlinton, who was reared and lived for a number of years in Marlinton. The Reverend Don C. Taylor and I met several times in Buckhannon, W. Va., as well as in

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Huntington, on the occasion of J. C. S. assignments to me and at Religious Emphasis Week programs and summer camp programs of the Methodist Church of West Virginia in which I participated (1950-1956). His letter is dated July 18, 1956.

Mrs. PAUL R. OVERHOLT, of Buckeye, W. Va., formerly of Marlinton, and the daughter of Paul Golden. Her letter is dated August 8, 1956.

ADOLPH E. (EDWARD) COOPER, a Marlinton attorney. His letter is dated August 3, 1956.

The last three mentioned letters contain so many valuable data about Jews of Marlinton, and provide such fine human-interest stories, that they are herewith cited virtually in toto.

[From the Reverend Donald C. Taylor]

"Huntington, West Virginia.

"July 18, 1956.

.... Regarding the Jewish families of Marlinton, ... there is now only one family residing there that is strictly Jewish. That is the Cooper family. The head of the family, Adolph E. Cooper, is an attorney in Marlinton. He is quite active in the Republican Party on a county basis. I believe that he is the city attorney. He was raised, I believe, at Cass, West Virginia. Mrs. Cooper is a very devout person. ... I believe that her family is in Baltimore, and that she has some connection with a synagogue there. The Coopers have two children: Doris Ella Cooper, who is now in college; and Daniel Cooper, who is a senior at Marlinton High School.

Mrs. Paul Overholt lives in [near] Marlinton. [She is the daughter of the late Paul Golden.] She was raised as a Jewess. At the present time she attends the Episcopal Church. I am not sure that she has been confirmed as a member. Her husband is a member of the Methodist Church in Marlinton. [The maiden name of Mrs. Paul Overholt was Mary Frances Golden; she was nicknamed and is commonly called "Fannie."] One daughter in the family [of Paul and "Fannie" Overholt] is a Unitarian. ...

Several years ago there were three other Jewish families in Marlinton. I knew them slightly. The Kleins (originally residents of Baltimore) were merchants there [in Marlinton] in 1932. A family named Schuchat owned a store there, and sold out to the Kleins. [The Schuchat family of Marlinton was related to the family of Louis Schuchat, of Lewisburg, and to that, also, of Mrs. Sara Schwartz Schuchat.] I believe that the

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THE JOHN (JOHNSON) JOHNSTON FAMILY

Dr. Ward M. Sharp

John Johnstons parents emigrated from New Jersey and settled at Beverley Manor in the colony of Virginia in about 1740. Beverley Manor was a land grant by Virginia in 1736 to establish a colony west of the Blue ridge in Western Virginia. Its original settlers were, for most part, of Scotch and Scotch-Irish ancestry. Present day Staunton, Virginia is centrally situated in what was formerly the Beverley Manor land grant. Augusta County was formed in 1745 with Staunton its County seat.

John Johnston was among those early pioneers residing in the Staunton area prior to the outbreak of the French and Indian War in 1754. The Colony - up to this time - had enjoyed some 22 years of peace with the Indians. But by 1754, war clouds were gathering on the horizon signifying pending hostilities.

In early 1754, the Governor of Virginia approved an expedition to attack French and Indians at Fort Pitt. On March 8, 1754, Capt Andrew Lewis and John Johnston enlisted in the Virginia Militia at Staunton. Young Johnston serving as an Aid to Capt. Lewis. They proceeded with other Augusta Militia to Wills Creek (Fort Cumberland). There they joined the main body of troops under command of Col. Joshua Fry and Lieut. Col. George Washington.

These troops proceeded to Great Meadows - Fort Necessity located east of present day Uniontown, Pa. There they were engaged in battle with a large body of French and Indians on July 3, 1754. The Virginia Militia, having suffered defeat, were allowed to return home. Capt Lewis suffered a hip wound in the engagement (See Muster Roll before battle of Meadows July 3, 1754).

More determined now than ever, Governor Dinwiddie of Virginia made plans for another expedition to attack Fort Pitt. But this time he engaged two regiments of British soldiers under command of General Braddock. A year and a week following the 1754 defeat, Braddock met disaster on July 9, 1755.

Neither Capt. Andrew Lewis nor John Johnston were attached to Braddocks ill-fated expedition. Instead, they were thought to be engaged in fortifying the frontier against pending Indian attacks. For example, Fort Dinwiddie near Mountain Grove, Virginia was built the summer of 1755. John Johnston worked out of this fort during the Indian War. It was on this assignment as an Indian spy that he became knowledgeable of that part of the Upper Greenbrier River territory of present day Pocahontas County.

Treaty with the Indians following the French and Indian War in 1758 froze or prohibited land acquisition between the top of the Alleghany Mountain Range (followed present Virginia - West Virginia boundary in Pocahontas) on the East and the Ohio River on the West. The territory remained off bounds to white settlement until the treaty with the Indians at Fort Stanwix in 1768. An influx of our earliest pioneers arrived in the Upper Greenbrier following the 1768 Treaty. John Johnston was among these pioneer settlers.

He either acquired land or claimed, surveyed or applied for patents prior to 1776. A quote from an undated copy of the Pocahontas Times stated that John Johnston acquired 1500 acres in the Jerico community near Marlinton. I did not locate this patent, but I did locate one for a parcel of land issued to John Johnston dated in 1776. This patent stated that the land was acquired from within the 100,000 acre Land Grant issued to the Greenbrier Company in 1752. Andrew Lewis was a partner and one of the founders of the Greenbrier Company. This 1776 parcel appeared to not be for land in Jerico but in the Swago community. But the two tracts or surveys may have joined.

The homestead of this pioneer was situated near the former Porter Kellison residence west of Marlinton over Price Hill in the Swago Community. His grave - according to my grandmother Melinda Moore Cochran - was in the vicinity of his homestead.

A group of these earliest pioneers formed a community in present Swago, Buckeye, Millpoint and Little Levels Communities, following 1768. Indian dissatisfaction with the Treaty in 1768 plus British agitation caused hostilities to flare. Having grown up among the Indians during years of peace -- prior to the French and Indian War -- these pioneers detected impending dangers. They decided to build a Fort and remain to defend it.

This Fort, known as Fort Keckley or Cackley, was completed in 1772 (Kercheval). It was a stockade type place of refuge that stood on top of a hill near the present village of Mill Point and was the first of four forts built in the upper Greenbrier of present Pocahontas County (McNeil). Fort Cackley was fashioned and patterned after the types built at start of French and Indian War in 1754-55. This Fort was built and manned by the local settlers. Clover Lick and Warwicks Forts were built by the Virginia Militia. John Johnston -- being an expert woodworker and joint fitter, etc., of heavy timbers played an important role in the construction of Fort Cackley. He served also as an Indian spy or scout.

John Johnston -- like many of the pioneer men -- did not marry until into their 30's or early 40's. Ages of his oldest children suggest he married in the early 1770's. His first wife was believed to have been a Ewing - died when a relatively young mother, leaving him with 6 children. He employed Elizabeth Auldrige as his governess to care for his children (Genealogy: the Auldrige Family). He and Elizabeth were later married. Elizabeths orphaned son William Auldrige became the progenitor of the Auldriges in Bath and Pocahontas Counties.

John Johnstons children - according to Bath County marriage bonds - were James, Michael, Thomas and daughters Catherine, Polly and Elizabeth. A daughter Sallie did not appear among the marriage bonds. Marriage bonds of his children (Bath County Marriage Bonds by Metheny & Wise) reveal that they all adopted the name spelled Johnson while their father adhered to the traditional spelling of Johnston. Therefore, beginning with the children of John Johnston, the surname was spelled Johnson thus compounding the problem in tracing the genealogy of the pioneer. The reason for dropping the "t" in Johnston for Johnson was not known.

Birth dates of John Johnstons children were not determined but marriage dates were based on Bath County marriage bonds. James the oldest son was married three times as follows: to Elizabeth Hughes in 1795, to Elizabeth Poage in 1804, to Sarah Batey in 1812. A son William was born in 1799 to the first marriage James and Elizabeth H. Johnson. This William Johnson was of importance - as will be seen later - as the major progenitor of the family name Johnson in Pocahontas County.

John Johnstons son Michael married Hanna Hughes in 1805 and Thomas married Rebecca Burr in 1813. Both Michael and Thomas dropped out of sight suggesting they possibly emigrated. Catherine married Aaron Moore son of the pioneer Moses Moore on 1/18/09. Catherine went by the nickname "Katie or Kate". John Johnston was present to consent for the marriage of his daughter "Katie". Elizabeth and Polly Johnson were both married on May 12, 1812 to Jacob Waugh and William Gay respectively. This occasion was of note since both the pioneer and his second wife Elizabeth Auldridge were present to consent for daughters Elizabeth and Polly.

William Johnson, son of James Johnson and grandson of the pioneer John Johnston, married Mary Lamb October 18, 1818. William and Mary Lamb Johnson's children were cited from census records according to year of birth as follows: Jane (1825), Sarah (1827), Susan (1830), William Ewing (1833) and James Elliott Johnson in 1837. These birth dates are approximate - give or take a year. Marriages of the above were based on marriage bonds: Jane married Milton Sharp 9/14/1854; Sarah married John Sharp (of Verdant Valley-Fairview) 6/3/1845; Susan married Marcus Waugh 8/29/1850; William Ewing Johnson married twice - first to Elizabeth Wilson of Upshur County, W. Va; second time to Eliza McCoy 11/13/1879; James Elliott Johnson married Sally Friel 6/24/1857.

John Johnston grew up in an unspoiled, pristine, early American Frontier. He was an expert hunter and woodsman. His father and grandfather plied the woodworkers trade which was a major occupation at the time outside of farming for a livelihood. John had ready use of wood working tools. He became a shaper of bows and arrows under the tutelage of his father and grandparents.

The bow and arrow provided much meat of small game for the table when gunpowder was scarce and expensive. It was handed down through his daughter Catherine that her father was an expert bowman. The family would have gone hungry at many times - when small game was for the taking -- had it not been for the bow and arrow at the hands of the father and his sons.

The compiler of the John Johnston family history -- Ward M. Sharp of Russell, Penna -- is a great, great grandson of the pioneer. His great grandmother was Catherine "Katie" Johnson. Catherine married Aaron Moore in 1809. Their daughter Melinda married William Cochran of Stony Creek. They had two children, William Cochran Jr. who moved to Sunbury, Ohio and daughter Catherine Cochran who married my father Giles Sharp.

John Johnston was born circa 1734 and died circa 1826 at age 92.